NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 32
Tuesday 22 August 2017

1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 6 students from St Joseph's Catholic College in Katherine accompanied by their teacher, Selena Martin.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

4. PAROLE AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 21)

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

Mr Higgins, Mr Sievers, Ms Nelson, Mr Kirby, Mrs Worden, Mr McConnell.

Visitor: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Doctor Angela Carrascalao, Vice President of Judicial Council of Timor Leste.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitor.

Mr Paech, Ms Uibo, Ms Wakefield.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 12.00 and 14.00.

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5. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Bill 2017 (Serial 30).
2. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business Day:

That this Assembly:

- recognises that seniors and carers play a very significant role in the Northern Territory and are deserving of our support so that seniors and the people in care can continue living with dignity in the Territory; and
- calls on the Government to listen to the views of seniors and carers and undertake a genuine review of the Pensioner and Carers Concession Scheme with an open mind and not a predetermined outcome.

3. Mr Wood will move on the next General Business Day that the NT Parliament inquire into whether the Territory should change from a preferential voting system to a proportional voting system.
4. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business Day:

   That this Assembly:

   - calls on the Government to urgently address the high rates of youth crime across the Northern Territory; and
   - calls on the Government to better measure the effectiveness of its current initiatives in reducing youth crime.

5. Ms Wakefield (Minister for Territory Families) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Youth Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 (Serial 29).

6. QUESTIONS

14.00 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.02 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner – Supplementary
14.07 Mr Collins to Mr Gunner
14.11 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.15 Ms Nelson to Ms Fyles
14.19 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14.22 Mr Sievers to Ms Manison

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Ken and Jill Jobson.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

14.26 Mr Mills to Ms Manison
14.29 Mr Kirby to Ms Fyles
14.32 Mr Wood to Ms Manison
14.33 Ms Uibo to Ms Moss
14.36 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.37 Ms Nelson to Mr Vowles
14.41 Mr Wood to Mr Gunner
14.44 Mrs Worden to Ms Lawler

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

7. CENSURE MOTION NOT AGREED TO

Mrs Lambley, pursuant to Standing Order 67, moved:

That this Assembly censures the Chief Minister and Minister for Trade, Business and Innovation for misleading the Assembly in regard to:

- his party's dealings with the Australian Hotels Association (NT) and the secretive manner in which his Government formulated the regulations of section 33ab(1) of the *Liquor Act* preventing Dan Murphy's from obtaining a store licence and entering the retail liquor market in the Northern Territory; and
- the Assembly notes that his actions constitute a breach of Clauses 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 5.2, 5.3 and 6.2 of the Ministerial Code of Conduct as well as Clauses 5, 10 and 11 of the Legislative Assembly Members' Code of Conduct.

Visitors: The Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of members of the organisation "Seed".

On behalf of all Members the Deputy Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Paper Tabled: Mrs Lambley, by leave, tabled a Letter, to Mr Des Crowe, Chief Executive Officer Australian Hotels Association, re Australian Hotels Association NT Survey, from Michael Gunner, Leader of the Opposition (Paper 373).

Ms Fyles, Mr Higgins, Ms Manison, Mr Wood, Mrs Lambley.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 3	**Noes 17**
Mr Higgins	Ms Ah Kit
Mrs Lambley	Mr Collins
Mr Mills	Mr Costa
	Ms Fyles
	Mr Gunner
	Mr Kirby
	Ms Lawler
	Ms Manison
	Mr McCarthy
	Mr McConnell
	Ms Moss
	Ms Nelson
	Mr Paech
	Mr Sievers
	Ms Uibo
	Mr Vowles
	Mrs Worden

Pairs: Mrs Finocchiaro and Ms Wakefield.

Motion not agreed to.

8. PERSONAL EXPLANATION: MR HIGGINS

Pursuant to Standing Order 26, by leave, Mr Higgins explained matters of a personal nature.

Paper Tabled: Mr Higgins, by leave, tabled a Letter to Mr Des Crowe, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Hotels Association, re Seeking confirmation on the Country Liberals'

position on a number of policy agenda items, from Mr Adam Giles, dated 25 May 2016 – Attachment, 2016 Policy Agenda Items – NT Government response (Paper 374).

9. PAROLE AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 21): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mr Collins, Mr Wood, Mr Guyula, Mr McCarthy, 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. PAPER TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled:

1. Travel Report, Member for Daly, Mr Gary Higgins, travelled to Sydney to attend Liberal Party Federal Conference on 23-27 July 2017, dated 17 August 2017 (Paper 375).

11. PAPER TABLED: OMBUDSMAN NT INVESTIGATION REPORT, WOMEN IN PRISON II – ALICE SPRINGS WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, VOLUME 1 AND VOLUME 2

Mr Gunner (Chief Minister) tabled the Ombudsman NT Investigation Report, Women in Prison II – Alice Springs Women's Correctional Facility Volume 1 (Paper 376) and Volume 2 (Paper 377) and made a statement.

Mr Gunner moved that the Assembly take note of the statement.

Debate adjourned.

12. PAPER TABLED: REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL REPORT AND DETERMINATION NO. 1 OF 2017, ENTITLEMENTS OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

Mr Gunner (Chief Minister) tabled Remuneration Tribunal Report and Determination No. 1 of 2017, Entitlements of Assembly Members (Paper 378) and made a statement.

Mr Gunner moved that the Assembly take note of the report.

Debate adjourned.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr Gunner, Ms Fyles, Mr Vowles, Mr Paech, Ms Uibo, Ms Purick, Mr Kirby, Ms Nelson.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.45 until Wednesday 23 August 2017 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Reports 2016:

Charles Darwin University (Paper 371).
Charles Darwin University Financial Statements (Paper 372).

ATTENDANCE
All Members attended the meeting, except Mrs Finocchiaro on leave.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly