NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 110
Wednesday 19 February 2020

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 11.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick, presided.

2. PRAYERS

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Ms Lawler 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 Gunner due to personal reasons.

Question put and passed.

5. RETURN TO WORK LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020 (SERIAL 123)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Return to Work Act 1986* and *Return to Work Regulations 1986* and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1565) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 1566).

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 Legislation Scrutiny Committee for report by 5 May 2020.

Question put and passed.

6. LICENSING (DIRECTOR-GENERAL) REPEAL BILL 2019 (SERIAL 115): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Wood, Ms Fyles.

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 11.55 and 14.00.

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7. QUESTIONS

14.00 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Manison

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Didamain and Michael Uibo, parents of the Member for Arnhem.

The Speaker also advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Mr Willem Westra van Holthe and Mr Mike Foley.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

14.04 Mr Higgins to Ms Fyles
14.07 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Lawler
14.10 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison
14.14 Mrs Lambley to Ms Uibo
14.18 Mrs Lambley to Ms Manison
14.22 Mr Higgins to Ms Lawler
14.26 Mr Higgins to Ms Lawler – Supplementary
14.27 Mr Wood to Ms Lawler
14.32 Mr Mills to Mr Kirby
14.36 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.40 Mr Wood to Ms Lawler

Visitor: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Mr Steve Edgington, Mayor of Tennant Creek.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitor.

14.43 Mr Guyula to Mr McCarthy
14.47 Mr Collins to Ms Wakefield
14.51 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.54 Mr Guyula to Mr McCarthy
14.59 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Uibo

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

8. WITHDRAWAL OF BUSINESS FROM THE NOTICE PAPER

Mr Higgins (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to Standing Order 73, withdrew General Business Notices of Motion Numbers 4 and 7.

Mrs Finocchiaro (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to Standing Order 73, withdrew General Business Notices of Motion Numbers 5 and 6.

9. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2020 (SERIAL 122): FIRST READING AGREED TO

Mrs Lambley, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Financial Management Act 1995* and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1572) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 1573).

Mrs Lambley moved that the Bill be read a first time and delivered an explanatory speech.

Paper Tabled: Letter, to Julie Crisp, Auditor-General for Northern Territory, regarding the Northern Territory Government's 2018 compliance with the *Fiscal Integrity and Transparency Act 2001*, from Robyn Lambley, Member for Araluen, 18 December 2019 (Paper 1571) (Mrs Lambley).

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Lambley moved that the Bill be declared urgent.

Ms Fyles, Mr Higgins, Mr Wood, Mr McConnell, Mr Collins.

Mr Collins moved the following amendment:

> to omit all words after "that", and replace with "the Bill be referred to the Legislation Scrutiny Committee".

Question, that the amendment be agreed to, put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 6	**Noes 13**
Mr Collins	Ms Ah Kit
Mrs Finocchiaro	Mr Costa
Mr Guyula	Ms Fyles
Mrs Lambley	Mr Kirby
Mr McConnell	Ms Lawler
Mr Wood	Mr McCarthy
	Ms Moss
	Ms Nelson
	Mr Paech
	Mr Sievers
	Ms Uibo
	Ms Wakefield
	Mrs Worden

Pair: Mr Gunner and Mr Higgins.

Question not agreed to.

Question, that the motion be agreed to, put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 5	**Noes 13**
Mr Collins	Ms Ah Kit
Mrs Finocchiaro	Mr Costa
Mr Guyula	Ms Fyles
Mrs Lambley	Mr Kirby
Mr McConnell	Ms Lawler
	Mr McCarthy
	Ms Moss
	Ms Nelson
	Mr Paech
	Mr Sievers

Ms Uibo
Ms Wakefield
Mrs Worden

Pair: Mr Gunner and Mr Higgins.

Amendment not agreed to.

Pursuant to Sessional Order 12.5(4), Bill defeated.

10. FIREARMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2020 (SERIAL 121)

Ms Purick, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Firearms Act 1997* and the *Firearms Regulations 1997* and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1574) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 1575).

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

Bill read a first time.

Ms Purick moved that the Bill be referred to the Legislation Scrutiny Committee for report by 5 May 2020.

Question put and passed.

11. MOTION: NORTHERN TERRITORY ECONOMY

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

That this Assembly:

- recognises the Territory continues to stagnate under Labor, and that after three and a half years in office Labor has no solutions and no vision to move the Territory forward;
- calls on Government to apologise to Territorians for the parlous state of the economy; and
- calls on the Government to take urgent action to address the fiscal and economic challenges, and to restore hope, reward and opportunity.

Ms Manison, Mr Mills, Ms Lawler, Mrs Lambley, Mr Wood, Mr Kirby, Mr McCarthy.

Debate suspended.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ms Lawler, Ms Purick, Ms Uibo, Mr Kirby, Mr McCarthy, Ms Wakefield.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.43 until Thursday 20 February 2020 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Report 2017-2018
Jabiru Town Development Authority (Paper 1567)

Annual Report 2018-2019
Health and Community Services Complaints Commission (Paper 1569)
Jabiru Town Development Authority (Paper 1568)

Subordinate Legislation 2019
No. 631 of 2019, Education and Care Services National Amendment Regulations 2019 (Paper 1570)

ATTENDANCE
All Members attended the meeting, except Mr Gunner.



MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly