Northern Territory of Australia
Legislative Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

Meeting Number 35
Thursday 16 October 2025

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1. MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly met at 10.00 am. The Speaker, the Honourable Robyn Lambley, took the Chair, read the prayer and delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

2. VISITORS

On behalf of all members, the Speaker welcomed Legal Studies students and their teachers from MacKillop Catholic College present in the gallery.

3. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Pursuant to Standing Order 224, Mr Edgington moved that a leave of absence for today be granted to Dr Rahman due to illness.

Question put and passed

4. STATUTE LAW REVISION AND REPEALS BILL 2025 (SERIAL 40)

Ms Boothby (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to revise the statute law of the Northern Territory and to repeal legislation that is spent or no longer required, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 408).

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

5. TEACHER REGISTRATION (NORTHERN TERRITORY) LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 (SERIAL 41)

Mrs Hersey (Minister for Education and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Act 2004* and the Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Regulations 2004, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 409).

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Hersey moved that the Bill be referred to the Legislative Scrutiny Committee for report by 20 November 2025.

Question put and passed.

6. TOURISM NT AMENDMENT (INTEGRATION OF NTMEC) BILL 2025 (SERIAL 42)

Ms Boothby (Minister for Tourism and Hospitality), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tourism NT Act 2012* and for related purposes, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 410).

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Boothby moved that the Bill be referred to the Legislative Scrutiny Committee for report by 20 November 2025.

Question put and passed.

7. MINISTERIAL REPORT: BACKING SMALL BUSINESS

Ms Cahill (Minister for Trade, Business and Asian Relations) delivered a report regarding Backing Small Business and moved the report be noted.

Ms Uibo, Mrs Zio, Mr Yan, Mr O'Gallagher, Mr Kerle, J Davis, Mrs Carlson.

Debate interrupted.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 12 noon and 2.00 pm.

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8. QUESTIONS

2.00 Ms Uibo to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.03 Mrs Zio to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.07 Mr Young to Mr Yan
2.11 Mr Mackay to Mr Maley
2.14 Mr Brown to Mr Maley
2.19 Mr Kerle to Mr Charls
2.23 Mr Brown to Mr Charls
2.25 Mrs Carlson to Ms Boothby
2.28 Mr Young to Mr Edgington

Paper tabled: Mr Young, by leave, tabled: Campaign materials, Fighting for: local communities, Steve Edgington (Paper 420).

2.33 Mr O'Gallagher to Mr Burgoyne
2.37 K McNamara to Mr Burgoyne
2.40 Mr Howe to Mr Charls
2.43 J Davis to Mr Edgington
2.47 Mr Patel to Ms Boothby
2.51 Mr Young to Mr Burgoyne
2.56 Mrs Zio to Mr Edgington

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

9. MOTION: ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr Edgington (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly now move to Government Business Order of the Day No. 1.

Question put and passed.

10. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 (SERIAL 28)

Order of the day read for moving the second reading of the Anti-Discrimination Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 28).

Ms Boothby (Attorney-General) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Paech, Mr O'Gallagher, Mr Kerle, Mr Young, Mr Guyula, J Davis.

Papers tabled: J Davis, by leave, tabled:

1. Letter to Member for Johnston, Anti-Discrimination Amendment Bill 2025, dated 13 October 2025, from Jeswynn Yogaratnam, NT Anti-Discrimination Commissioner (Paper 422).
2. Community Scrutiny Forum Report, Anti-Discrimination Amendment Bill 2025, Member for Johnston (Paper 423).

K McNamara, Mr Brown, Ms Uibo, Mrs Hersey, Mr Charls, Ms Boothby (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 14 stand as printed.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

On the question that the Bill be agreed to, the Assembly divided:

Ayes 16

Ms Boothby	Mr Burgoyne	Ms Cahill	Mrs Carlson
Mr Charls	Mr Edgington	Mrs Finocchiaro	Mrs Hersey
Mr Howe	Mr Kerle	Mr Mackay	Mr Maley
Mr O'Gallagher	Mr Patel	Mr Yan	Mrs Zio

Noes 7

Mr Brown	J Davis	Mr Guyula	K McNamara
Mr Paech	Ms Uibo	Mr Young	

Question agreed to.

Ms Boothby moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and the Assembly divided:

Ayes 16

Ms Boothby	Mr Burgoyne	Ms Cahill	Mrs Carlson
Mr Charls	Mr Edgington	Mrs Finocchiaro	Mrs Hersey
Mr Howe	Mr Kerle	Mr Mackay	Mr Maley
Mr O'Gallagher	Mr Patel	Mr Yan	Mrs Zio

Noes 7

Mr Brown	J Davis	Mr Guyula	K McNamara
Mr Paech	Ms Uibo	Mr Young	

Motion passed.

Bill read a third time.

11. RESPONSE TO PETITION

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 123, tabled a response to Petition Number 11, praying for the protection and strengthening of the film industry (Paper 425).

12. MOTION: ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr Edgington (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly now move to the Matter of Public Importance.

Question put and passed.

13. MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: MATERNITY SERVICES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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

> The state of maternity services in the Northern Territory.

Having received the necessary support, discussion ensued.

Mr Edgington, Mr Paech, Mr Mackay, Mr Howe, J Davis, Mr Charls, K McNamara, Ms Uibo.

Discussion concluded.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Edgington (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly do now adjourn.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr O'Gallagher, K McNamara.

Paper tabled: K McNamara, by leave, tabled: Northern Territory Youth Parliament 2025, Adjournment Speeches (Paper 426).

Mr Charls, J Davis, Mrs Hersey, Mr Burgoyne, Mr Patel, Mr Kerle, Mr Howe.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned at 10.24 pm until Tuesday 21 October 2025 at 10.00 am.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Audit Act 1995

Annual Report 2025, Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office, Plan of Work, *Audit Act 1995* (Paper 424)

Independent Audit Report, Northern Territory Auditor-General, for the year ended 30 June 2025 (Paper 421)

Coroners Act 1993

Report to the Legislative Assembly, In the matter of Coroner's Findings and Recommendations regarding the death of Baby G, pursuant to *Coroners Act 1993*, section 46B (Paper 417)

Gaming Control Act 1993

Annual Report 2024–25, Community Benefit Fund, *Gaming Control Act 1993* (Paper 419)

Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2017

Annual Report 2024-25, Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption NT, *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2017* (Paper 412)

Legal Profession Act 2006

Legal Profession Rules, Legal Profession Rules pursuant to ss 689 and 690 of the *Legal Profession Act 2006* (NT), Council of the Law Society Northern Territory, dated 15 August 2025 (Paper 416)

Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993

Annual Report 2024-2025, Department of the Legislative Assembly, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 411)

Annual Report 2024-2025, Department of Corrections, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 413)

Annual Report 2024-2025, Department of Logistics and Infrastructure, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 415)

Racing and Wagering Act 2024

Annual Report 2024–25, Northern Territory Racing and Wagering Commission, *Racing and Wagering Act 2024* (Paper 418)

Subordinate Legislation

Subordinate Legislation No.10 of 2025, Territory Coordinator Regulations 2025 (Paper 407)

Subordinate Legislation (SA)

Subordinate Legislation No. 103 of 2025 (South Australia), Rail Safety National Law National Regulations (Safety Management System) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SA) (Paper 414)

ATTENDANCE

All members attended the meeting, except Dr Rahman on leave.

RUSSELL KEITH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly