NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 100
Tuesday 15 October 2019

1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

Mrs Finocchiaro delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENTS

The Speaker made a statement regarding the resignation of Mr Steven Stokes from the Department of the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker made a statement regarding Anti-Poverty Week.

The Speaker made a statement regarding the 2019 Member Survey.

5. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5 students from The Essington International School Darwin accompanied by their teachers.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

6. WITHDRAWAL OF A NOTICE OF MOTION

Mr Wood, pursuant to Standing Order 73, withdrew General Business Notice Number 2.

7. PAPERS TABLED: REPORT FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Ms Ah Kit (Chair of the Social Policy Scrutiny Committee) tabled the Committee's Report on the Inquiry into the Burial and Cremation Bill 2019 (Serial 97) (Paper 1348) and Minutes of Proceedings (Paper 1349) and made a statement.

Ms Ah Kit moved that the Assembly take note of the report.

Mr Wood.

Question put and passed.

8. PAPERS TABLED: REPORT FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Mr Sievers (Chair of the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee) tabled the Committee's report on the Inquiry into the Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 (Serial 98) (Paper 1350) and Minutes of Proceedings (Paper 1351) and made a statement.

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

Question put and passed.

9. PAPERS TABLED: REPORT FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Ms Ah Kit (Chair of the Social Policy Scrutiny Committee) tabled the Committee's Report on the Inquiry into the Statute Law Revision and Repeals Bill 2019 (Serial 99) (Paper 1352) and Minutes of Proceedings (Paper 1353) and made a statement.

Ms Ah Kit moved that the Assembly take note of the report.

Question put and passed.

10. PAPERS TABLED: REPORT FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Mr Sievers (Chair of the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee) tabled the Committee's Report on the Inquiry into the Water Further Amendment Bill 2019 (Serial 100) (Paper 1354) and Minutes of Proceedings (Paper 1355) and made a statement.

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

Question put and passed.

11. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of the following Message from Her Honour the Administrator (Paper 1356):

Message Number 27

Assent to Proposed Laws

I, VICKI O'HALLORAN AO, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, advise the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 7 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government Act) 1978* of the Commonwealth, of the assent to the following proposed laws:

9 October 2019

Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Act 2019 (Act No. 30 of 2019)
Environment Protection Act 2019 (Act No. 31 of 2019)
Youth Justice and Related Legislation Amendment Act 2019 (Act No. 32 of 2019)

Dated 10 October 2019.

12. PETITION REPORT FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TABLED

The Speaker tabled a response from the Social Policy Scrutiny Committee regarding Petition Number 41 concerning the Katherine Museum (Paper 1357).

13. PETITION REPORT FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ADOPTED

The Clerk advised receipt of a report from the Social Policy Scrutiny Committee regarding Petition Number 41 (Paper 1357) concerning the Katherine Museum recommending the Assembly debate the petition.

Ms Nelson moved the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.

14. TERRITORY PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019 (SERIAL 101)

Ms Moss moved the Bill be read a second time.

Mr Higgins, Mr Wood, Mr McCarthy.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5 students from The Essington International School Darwin accompanied by their teachers.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Ms Uibo, Ms Lawler, Mr Paech.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.59 and 14.00.

---

15. 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 Courts Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 (Serial 111).
2. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Bill 2019 (Serial 108).
3. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Residential Tenancies Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 (Serial 112).
4. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled National Disability Insurance Scheme (Worker Clearance) Bill 2019 (Serial 110).
5. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will present on the next General Business Day:

   That this Assembly:

   - Supports a 'War on Waste' – specifically the waste by the Northern Territory Government of taxpayers' funds at a time when our stagnant economy is struggling to stay afloat.
   - Condemns the Government for their poor choices and dubious spending priorities.

6. Mr Collins (Member for Fong Lim) will present on the next General Business Day:

   That this Assembly:

   - Takes note of the 18 letters from students of Stuart Park Primary School calling on the Assembly to consider legislating a ban on single-use plastics in certain circumstances in the Northern Territory; and
   - Pursuant to Sessional Order 13(4)(a)(i), refers the letters to the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee for further consideration.

16. QUESTIONS

14.02 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner

14.05 Mrs Worden to Mr Gunner

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Mr Syd Stirling, a former Deputy Chief Minister, and Government Electorate Officers.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

14.09 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.13 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison
14.17 Mr Costa to Mr Kirby

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of 2019 graduates in the Department of the Chief Minister.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

14.21 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.25 Mr Sievers to Ms Manison
14.28 Mr Guyula to Ms Fyles
14.32 Ms Ah Kit to Mr McCarthy
14.36 Mr Collins to Mr Gunner
14.40 Ms Nelson to Ms Moss
14.44 Mrs Lambley to Ms Wakefield
14.47 Mr Sievers to Ms Lawler

17. CENSURE MOTION: NOT AGREED TO

Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to Standing Order 67, moved:

That this Assembly censures the Government for its inability to address the current crime crisis and failure to fulfil its primary responsibility to keep Territorians safe.

Ms Manison, Mrs Lambley, Mr Mills, Mr McConnell, Mr Wood, Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Fyles, Mr Higgins.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 4	**Noes 15**
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Higgins	Mr Costa
Mrs Lambley	Ms Fyles
Mr Mills	Mr Gunner
	Mr Kirby
	Ms Lawler
	Mr McCarthy
	Ms Manison
	Ms Moss
	Ms Nelson
	Mr Paech
	Mr Sievers
	Ms Uibo

Ms Wakefield
Mrs Worden

Motion not agreed to.

18. PAPER TABLED: LETTER CONCERNING WRITTEN QUESTION 699

The Speaker tabled a letter to the Speaker from the Minister for Territory Families concerning Written Question Number 699 dated 26 September 2019 (Paper 1369).

19. TERRITORY PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019 (SERIAL 101): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mr Paech, Ms Moss.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

By leave, on the motion of Ms Moss (Minister for Tourism, Sport and Culture), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

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

1. *Auditor-General for the Northern Territory Report: Matters Referred to the Auditor-General Pursuant to Section 6 of the Public Information Act 2010* (Paper 1243). Deferred.
2. *Auditor-General for the Northern Territory, August 2019, Report to the Legislative Assembly* (Paper 1297). Deferred.
3. *Report to the Legislative Assembly on the Review of Sessional Orders, September 2019* (Paper 1347). Deferred.

21. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 123, tabled Responses to Petition Number 37, regarding the removal of an alcohol restriction sign from 2 Kenna Court, Alice Springs (Paper 1370) and Petition Number 38, regarding opposition to the proposed changes within the Youth Justice and Related Legislation Amendment Act 2019 (Paper 1371).

22. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr Gunner, Ms Fyles, Mr Mills, Ms Lawler, Mr Kirby, Ms Wakefield, Mr Paech, Mrs Lambley, Ms Uibo, Mr Wood, Ms Nelson.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.26 until Wednesday 16 October 2019 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Reports 2018-2019

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, *Surveillance Devices Act 2007* (Paper 1358)
Community Benefit Fund (Paper 1359)
Community Justice Centre (Paper 1360)
Department of the Chief Minister (Paper 1361)
Department of Education (Paper 1362)
Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development (Paper 1363)

Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Commission (Paper 1364)
Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Paper 1365)
Surveillance Devices Act 2007 (Paper 1366)
Work Health and Safety Advisory Council (Paper 1367)

Report
2019–2020 Employment Report, Department of the Legislative Assembly (Paper 1368)

ATTENDANCE
All Members attended the meeting.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly