Northern Territory of Australia
Legislative Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

Meeting Number 41
Thursday 27 November 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. ALCOHOL HARM REDUCTION AMENDMENT (BANNED DRINKER ORDERS) BILL 2025 (SERIAL 48)

Mr Edgington (Minister for Alcohol Policy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Alcohol Harm Reduction Act 2017*, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 557).

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Edgington moved that the Bill be declared to be urgent.

Mr Young moved the following amendment:

> omitting all words, after 'that' and insert the following words, 'the Bill be referred to the Legislative Scrutiny Committee for report by 29 January 2026'.

Mr Burgoyne, J Davis, Mr Maley, K McNamara, Mr Mackay, Mr Paech, Ms Cahill, Mr Howe, Dr Rahman.

Question, that the amendment be agreed to, put and the Assembly divided:

Ayes 7

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

Noes 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 Patel	Dr Rahman	Mr Yan	Mrs Zio

Amendment not agreed to.

Question, that the Bill be declared to be urgent, put and passed.

Mr Edgington moved that the second reading of the Bill be made an order of the day for a later hour having precedence after Government Business Order of the Day Number 1.

Question put and passed.

3. TRADE, BUSINESS AND ASIAN RELATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (STREAMLINING LICENSING SCHEMES AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2025 (SERIAL 47)

Ms Cahill (Minister for Trade, Business and Asian Relations), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Agents Licensing Act 1979*, the Agents Licensing Regulations 1979, the *Associations Act 2003*, the Associations Regulations 2004, the *Commercial and Private Agents Licensing Act 1979*, the *Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Act 1990*, the Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading (Pawnbrokers and Second-hand Dealers) Regulations 1998, the *Essential Goods and Services Act 1981*, the *Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Act 1983*, the *Private Security Act 1995* and the *Tobacco Control Act 2002*, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 558).

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

4. HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND SURVEILLANCE DEVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS) BILL 2025 (SERIAL 44)

Order of the day read for moving the second reading of the Housing, Transport and Surveillance Devices Legislation Amendment (Police Public Safety Officers) Bill 2025 (Serial 44).

Mrs Finocchiaro (Minister for Police) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Ms Uibo, Mr Guyula, Mr O'Gallagher, Mr Howe.

Debate interrupted.

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

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5. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Young will move on the next General Business day:

   That the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly:

   1. Acknowledge:
      a. The Banned Drinkers Register Review undertaken by the CLP Government's Alcohol Policy Taskforce (the Taskforce), comprising NT Health, Licensing NT, the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice, NT Police, and other subject-matter experts.
   2. Note:
      a. That the Taskforce, as part of the CLP Government-initiated review, has recommended:
         - The use of enforceable undertakings to require on-premises ID scanning for licensees who repeatedly breach their liquor licence conditions.
         - The development of an opt-in system for clubs that choose to participate in on-premises scanning.

- The broadening of data-sharing arrangements between key agencies to support collaboration, alongside increased training for authorised persons to improve referral pathways to the Banned Drinkers Register.

b. That implementing the CLP Government's own Banned Drinkers Register Review was a key election commitment made during the 2024 campaign.

3. Calls on the Minister for Alcohol Policy to provide the Assembly by no later than Thursday 12 March 2026:
   a. A Ministerial Report outlining progress on the implementation of all recommendations arising from the review; and
   b. A timeline for the introduction of any legislation required to give effect to the Taskforce recommendations.

2. J Davis will move on the next General Business day:

That this Assembly:

- Notes the importance of safe, respectful and professional parliamentary workplaces;
- Acknowledges that all Members have a responsibility to model integrity, dignity and respectful conduct in every setting connected to their role;
- Recognises that bullying, harassment, discrimination, intimidation and misuse of authority have no place in the Northern Territory Parliament;
- Supports the establishment of a clear Behavioural Code for Members, with independent oversight, confidential complaint handling and a range of proportionate sanctions; and
- Calls on the Government to implement such a Behavioural Code as a priority to ensure parliamentary standards reflect community expectations and is consistent with best practice across the Commonwealth.

3. J Davis will move on the next General Business day:

That this Assembly:

1. Notes that while the NT has the Mental Health Strategic Plan 2019-2025 and the 2024-29 Mental Health and Wellbeing Plan, many Territorians, especially in remote, regional and Indigenous communities, still face major gaps in access to culturally safe and timely mental health support.
2. Acknowledges calls from mental health advocates for long-term funding, better access to psychosocial support, earlier intervention and stronger cultural and community-led models of care.
3. Calls on the Government to:
   - Fully fund the current plan Territory-wide Mental Health Strategy with a focus on prevention, early intervention and remote accessibility; and
   - Expand culturally safe, community-led mental-health services.
4. Commits to targeted consultation and engagement with the Mental Health sector and Lived Experience sectors to ensure the effective implementation of the plan, as per the commitment made at the Health and Mental Health Minister's meeting in June.
5. Report annually on service access, wait times and outcomes across the Territory.

6. PETITION

Petition Number 19: K McNamara presented Petition Number 19 from 204 petitioners, not conforming with Standing Orders, praying for a review of the safety conditions for pedestrians and cyclists on Bagot Road (Paper 566).

Petition read.

K McNamara moved that Petition Number 19 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Question put and passed.

7. QUESTIONS

2.05 Ms Uibo to Mrs Hersey, redirected to Mr Maley
2.10 Mr Young to Mrs Hersey
2.10 Mr Mackay to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.14 Mr Patel to Mr Maley
2.17 Mr Paech to Mrs Hersey
2.19 Mr Paech to Mrs Hersey – Supplementary
2.20 Mrs Carlson to Ms Boothby
2.24 Mr Brown to Mr Yan
2.29 Mr Kerle to Mr Yan
2.33 J Davis to Mr Maley
2.37 Mr Howe to Mrs Hersey
2.41 Mr Brown to Mr Maley
2.45 Dr Rahman to Mr Charls
2.48 Mr Guyula to Mr Edgington
2.52 Mr O'Gallagher to Mr Burgoyne
2.55 K McNamara to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.59 Mrs Zio to Mr Edgington

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

8. HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND SURVEILLANCE DEVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS) BILL 2025 (SERIAL 44)

Order of the day read for the resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Kerle, K McNamara, Mrs Zio, Mr Paech, J Davis, Mr Edgington, Mrs Finocchiaro (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 42 stand as printed.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

9. ALCOHOL HARM REDUCTION AMENDMENT (BANNED DRINKER ORDERS) BILL 2025 (SERIAL 48)

Order of the day read for moving the second reading of the Alcohol Harm Reduction Amendment (Banned Drinker Orders) Bill 2025 (Serial 48).

Mr Edgington (Minister for Alcohol Policy) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mrs Hersey, Mr Young, J Davis, Mr Edgington (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr Edgington, by leave, moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

10. ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND POLICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 (SERIAL 43)

Order of the day read for moving the second reading of the Attorney-General and Police Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 43).

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

Mr Paech, Mr Maley, Mr Mackay, K McNamara, J Davis, Ms Boothby (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 6 stand as printed.

Clause 7.

Ms Boothby moved the following amendment:

Clause 7(1)

omit, insert

(1) Section 5(6)

omit

and a parliamentary secretary

(2) Section 5(6)

omit

or parliamentary secretary

Amendment agreed to.

Ms Boothby moved the following amendment:

Clause 7(2), proposed subsection (6A), line 20

omit

, an assistant minister

Amendment agreed to.

Ms Boothby moved the following amendment:

Clause 7(2), proposed subsection (6A), line 21

omit

or assistant minister

Amendment agreed to.

Ms Boothby moved the following amendment:

Clause 7(2), proposed subsection (6A)(b), line 28

omit

entity; and

insert

entity.

Amendment agreed to.

Ms Boothby moved the following amendment:

Clause 7(2), proposed subsection (6A)(c)

omit

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 7 stands as amended.

Clause 8.

Ms Boothby moved the following amendment:

Clause 8

omit, insert

8 Section 11 amended (Information about public sector organisations)

Section 11(4), definition ***public sector organisation***, paragraphs (a) and (b)

omit

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 8 stands as amended.

Clause 9.

Ms Boothby moved the following amendment:

Clause 9

omit, insert

9 Section 55 amended (Confidentiality obligations, confidential sources)

Section 55(2)(a)(i) and (ii)

omit

or parliamentary secretary

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 9 stands as amended.

Clauses 10 to 18 stand as printed.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

11. PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were tabled:

1. The Speaker tabled: Auditor-General's Report No. 6: Report 2025-26, Police Information System Replacement Project, Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office, *Audit Act 1995* (Paper 574).
2. Mr Yan tabled: Mid-Year Report 2025-26, Department of Treasury and Finance, *Fiscal Integrity and Transparency Act 2021* (Paper 575) and made a statement.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Dr Rahman, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Young, Mr Guyula, Mr O'Gallagher, Mr Paech.

Mrs Finocchiaro, by leave, gave a further two-minute adjournment.

Ms Cahill, Mr Brown, K McNamara, J Davis, Mrs Hersey.

Paper tabled: Mrs Hersey tabled: Selection Report, Principal, Yipirinya School, September 2021 (Paper 576).

Mr Edgington, Mrs Carlson, Mr Patel, Mrs Zio, Mr Kerle, Mr Howe, Mr Charls, Mr Mackay.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned at 10.41 pm until Tuesday 3 February 2026 at 10.00 am.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006

Northern Territory of Australia Remuneration Tribunal Report and Determination No. 1 of 2025 on Salaries and Other Entitlements of Assembly Members (Paper 572)

Construction Industry Long Service Leave and Benefits Act 2005

Annual Report 2024-25, NT Build – Portable Long Service Leave, *Construction Industry Long Service Leave and Benefits Act 2005* (Paper 571)

Darwin Waterfront Corporation Act 2006

Annual Report 2024-25, Darwin Waterfront, *Darwin Waterfront Corporation Act 2006* (Paper 564)

Electrical Safety Act 2022

Annual Report 2024-25, Electrical Safety Regulator, Attorney-General's Department, *Electrical Safety Act 2022* (Paper 563)

Financial Management Act 1995

Commonwealth Appropriation Statement under Section 19A(5) and 20(2) of the *Financial Management Act 1995* (Paper 559)

Authorisation of Issue of Increased Funds Available from Commonwealth, *Financial Management Act 1995* (Paper 560)

Direction to Transfer Excess Appropriations, *Financial Management Act 1995* (Paper 561)

Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009

Annual Report 2024-25, Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and the National Board, *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009* (Paper 567)

Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Regulation 2018

Annual Report 2024-25, National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and the National Health Industry Privacy Commissioner, Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Regulation 2018 (Paper 569)

Licensed Surveyors Act 1983

Annual Report 2024-25, The Surveyors Board of the Northern Territory of Australia, *Licensed Surveyors Act 1983* (Paper 570)

Motor Accidents (Compensation) Commission Act 2014

Annual Report 2024-25, MACC Annual Report, *Motor Accidents (Compensation) Commission Act 2014* (Paper 556)

***National Health Reform Act 2011* (Cth)**

Annual Report 2024-25, Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool, *National Health Reform Act 2011* (Cth) (Paper 568)

Northern Territory Environment Protection Act 2012

Annual Report 2024-25, Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority, *Northern Territory Environment Protection Act 2012* (Paper 565)

Ombudsman Act 2009

Report, Watch House Investigation Report: Own motion investigation into conditions for Territory prisoners in Northern Territory Police Force watch houses, Ombudsman NT, November 2025, *Ombudsman Act 2009* (Paper 573)

Rail Safety National Law

Annual Report 2024-25, Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator, *Rail Safety National Law* (Paper 555)

Work Health Administration Act 2011

Annual Report 2024-25, Work Health Authority, Section 7 of the *Work Health Administration Act 2011* (Paper 562)

ATTENDANCE

All members attended the meeting.



RUSSELL KEITH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly