NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 113
Thursday 20 June 2024

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 14.30. The Speaker, the Honourable Dheran Young, presided.

2. PRAYERS

Mr Bowden read the prayer.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Ms Lawler delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENTS

The Speaker made a statement regarding proper use of electorate offices during the election period.

The Speaker reported to the Assembly that in accordance with Standing Order 181, the Member for Port Darwin was appointed to the Standing Committee on the ICAC on 5 June 2024.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of the following Message from His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie AO PSM, Administrator of the Northern Territory (Paper 1177):

Message Number 37

Assent to Proposed Laws

I, HUGH HEGGIE AO PSM, 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:

24 May 2024
Justice and Other Legislation Further Amendment Act 2024 (Act No. 9 of 2024)
Liquor Legislation Amendment Act 2024 (Act No. 10 of 2024)

31 May 2024
Police Administration Legislation Amendment Act 2024 (Act No. 11 of 2024)

11 June 2024
Mineral Royalties Act 2024 (Act No. 12 of 2024)
Parks and Water Legislation Amendment Act 2024 (Act No. 13 of 2024)
Portable Long Service Leave (Community Services Sector) Act 2024 (Act No. 14 of 2024)

Dated 13 June 2024.

6. VISITORS

On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed youth parliamentarians from Ramingining, Darwin and Palmerston and the Y NT team present in the gallery.

7. MOTION: REORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr Paech (Leader of Government Business) moved, in accordance with Standing Order 59, that at 17.00 the business before the Assembly is suspended to allow for retiring members' valedictory speeches, pursuant to paragraph 19 of the Assembly's resolution of 16 May 2024, after which the suspended business will resume.

Question put and passed.

8. MOTION: SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS

Mr Paech (Leader of Government Business) moved, without notice, that so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as is necessary to allow the following motion to be moved after all other business has been disposed of today:

That the Assembly:

1) Notes:

   a) the recommendations made by the ICAC Commissioner in the Investigation Report for Operation Jupiter

   b) that the Assembly is the appropriate body for developing the rules for the conduct of its members and that, in ordinary circumstances, recommendations affecting the conduct of members would be considered by an appropriate committee of the Assembly for discussion and recommendation prior to agreement by the Assembly

   c) that the timing of the release of the report does not make referral to a committee reasonably practicable

   d) that the ICAC Commissioner indicated that the recommendations were made "to stimulate discussion, debate and reform", and require the development of rules of conduct for implementation.

2) Agrees with the intent behind the recommendations

3) Recommends to the 15th Assembly that it refers the ICAC's recommendations to an appropriate committee to develop the recommended reforms

4) Calls on members to, as far as reasonably practicable, implement recommendations 3, 4, 6 and 7

5) Directs the Clerk to publish on the Assembly's website any information received in accordance with recommendation 5.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Lambley, Mr Paech (in reply).

Mr Paech moved that the question be put.

Question put and passed.

On the question that the suspension of standing and sessional orders be agreed to.

Question put and passed. With an absolute majority.

9. APPROPRIATION (2024-2025) BILL 2024 (SERIAL 128)

Resumption of the application of the Assembly's resolution of 16 May 2024.

Papers Tabled: Ms Fyles (Chair of the Estimates Committee) tabled: Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory Estimates Committee Report 2024 (Paper 1178) and the Associated Minutes of Proceedings (Paper 1179) and made a statement.

Pursuant to the resolution of the Assembly on 16 May 2024 the Assembly considered the question that the expenditure proposed in the Appropriation (2024-2025) Bill 2024 stand as printed, and that the report of the Estimates Committee be noted.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Guyula, Mr Monaghan, Mr Yan, Mr Bowden, Mrs Lambley, Mr Maley.

It being 17.00, debate suspended pursuant to the Assembly's earlier resolution.

10. MEMBER VALEDICTORY STATEMENT

Pursuant to the Assembly's resolution, the following Member gave a valedictory statement:

Ms Purick.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 17.20 and 17.27.

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11. MEMBER VALEDICTORY STATEMENT

Pursuant to the Assembly's resolution, the following Member gave a valedictory statement:

Mr Kirby.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 17.55 and 18.00.

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12. APPROPRIATION (2024-2025) BILL 2024 (SERIAL 128)

Resumption of debate on the question that that the expenditure proposed in the Appropriation (2024-2025) Bill 2024 stand as printed, and that the report of the Estimates Committee be noted.

Mr Potter, Mr Burgoyne, Ms Uibo, Ms Lawler.

Question put and passed.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Ms Lawler (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time.

13. PAPER TABLED

Ms Lawler (Chief Minister) tabled the Summary of Report by the Inspector Pursuant to Section 135(1)(ba) of the *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2017* (Paper 1190) and moved that the Assembly note the report.

Mrs Finocchiaro.

Question put and passed.

14. MOTION: ICAC INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR OPERATION JUPITER

Mr Paech, pursuant to the suspension of standing and sessional orders today, moved:

That the Assembly:

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Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Lambley, Mr Paech (in reply).

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 14	**Noes 8**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Burgoyne
Mr Brown	Mr Edgington
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Kirby	Mrs Hersey
Ms Lawler	Mrs Lambley
Mrs Manison	Mr Maley
Mr Monaghan	Mr Yan
Ms Moss	
Mr Paech	
Mr Potter	
Ms Uibo	
Mr Yan	
Mr Young	

Motion agreed to.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Paech (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Question put and passed.

Mr Guyula, Mrs Lawler, Mr Edgington, Ms Uibo, Mr Paech.

The Assembly adjourned at 20.23 to a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker.

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

Annual Report
Annual Report 2023, Parole Board of the Northern Territory (Paper 1186)
Annual Progress Report 2024, Territory Water Plan, Northern Territory Government (1187)

Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006
Northern Territory of Australia Remuneration Tribunal Report and Determination No.2 of 2024 on the Entitlements of Local Court Judges (Paper 1181)

Erratum
Amendment to Tabled Paper No.1140 (16 May 2024) Statement of Corporate Intent 2024–2025, PowerWater (Paper 1182)

Subordinate Legislation
Subordinate Legislation No.8 of 2024, City of Palmerston (Animal Management) By-Laws 2024 (Paper 1180)
Subordinate Legislation No.9 of 2024, Return to Work Amendment Regulations 2024 (Paper 1183)
Subordinate Legislation No.10 of 2024, Legacy Mines Remediation Regulations 2024 (Paper 1184)
Subordinate Legislation No.11 of 2024, Penalty Units Amendment Regulations 2024 (Paper 1188)

Professional Standards Act 1997 (WA)
The Law Society of Western Australia, Professional Standards Scheme, Professional Standards Act 1997 (WA) (Paper 1185)

ATTENDANCE
All Members attended the meeting.

MATHEW BATES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly