NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 74
Wednesday 29 March 2023

1. MEETING
The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Mark Monaghan, presided.

2. PRAYERS
Mr Bowden read the prayer.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
Mrs Worden delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AGREED TO
Mrs Finocchiaro moved that a leave of absence for today and tomorrow be granted to Ms Boothby for personal reasons.

Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed.

5. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT
On behalf of all Members, the Speaker offered condolences to Ms Boothby on the passing of her father.

6. VISITORS
On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Year 5 students and teachers from Milkwood Steiner School present in the gallery.

7. 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:

1. the passage of the Bail Amendment Bill 2023 through all stages in the March 2023 sittings;
2. the postponement of precedence given to General Business on Wednesday 29 March 2023 until such time as the Bail Amendment Bill 2023 has been dealt with by the Assembly;
3. the commencement of General Business once the Bail Amendment Bill 2023 has been dealt with by the Assembly; and
4. the conclusion of General Business at the expiry of four hours after its commencement.

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Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Paech (in reply).

Mr Paech moved that the question be put.

Question put and passed.

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

Question put and passed with an absolute majority.

8. BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2023 (SERIAL 87)

Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bail Act 1982.*

Bill read a first time.

Mr Paech moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 820).

Ms Fyles, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Manison.

Visitors: On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Year 5 students and teachers from Anula Primary School present in the gallery.

Mr Maley, Ms Lawler, Mrs Lambley.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 12.00 and 14.00.

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9. VISITORS

On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Clontarf students and teachers from Nightcliff Middle School present in the gallery.

10. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Lawler (Treasurer) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Judicial and Other Officers' Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 (Serial 84).
2. Ms Lawler (Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Public Transport (Passenger Safety) Amendment Bill 2023 (Serial 88).
3. Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Sentencing Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 (Serial 85).
4. Mr Paech (Leader of Government Business) gave notice on behalf of Ms Moss (Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water Security), that she will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Water Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 (Serial 83).
5. Mr Kirby (Minister for Public Employment) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Public Holidays Amendment Bill 2023 (Serial 86).

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11. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Paech (Leader of Government Business) informed the Assembly that all matters standing in the name of the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water Security dealt with in the Assembly today will be managed by Ms Lawler (Treasurer).

All matters standing in the name of the Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention; Minister for Equality and Inclusion; Minister for Youth; and Minister for Seniors dealt with in the Assembly today will be managed by the Chief Minister.

12. PETITION

Mrs Hersey, by leave, presented Petition Number 23, not conforming with Standing Orders, from 819 petitioners, praying that measures are taken to address criminal activity in the township of Katherine (Big Rivers region) (Paper 821).

Petition read.

13. MOTION: PETITION REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Mrs Hersey moved that Petition Number 23 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Question put and passed.

14. QUESTIONS

14.03 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.07 Mr Bowden to Ms Fyles
14.10 Mr Maley to Ms Fyles
14.14 Mr Potter to Mrs Manison
14.18 Mrs Hersey to Ms Fyles
14.21 Mrs Hersey to Ms Fyles – Supplementary
14.23 Mr Brown to Ms Lawler
14.27 Mr Edgington to Ms Fyles
14.30 Mr Potter to Ms Uibo
14.34 Mr Burgoyne to Ms Lawler
14.37 Mr Bowden to Mr Kirby
14.41 Mrs Lambley to Ms Fyles
14.44 Mr Brown to Mrs Worden
14.48 Mr Yan to Ms Fyles
14.51 Mr Young to Mr Paech
14.55 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.58 Mr Potter to Ms Ah Kit

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

15. BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2023 (SERIAL 87)

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

Mrs Lambley (continuation of remarks), Mr Guyula, Mrs Worden, Ms Purick, Mr Turner, Mr Yan, Mr Kirby, Mr Burgoyne, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Edgington, Mr Paech (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clause 1 considered.

Clause 1 stands as printed.

Clause 2 considered.

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Clause 2 stands as printed.

Clause 3 considered.

Clause 3 stands as printed.

Clause 4 considered.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved the following amendment.

Clause 4(1), all words after "violence"

omit, insert

offence;

Mr Paech moved that the question be put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 14	**Noes 9**
Ms Ah Kit	Mr Burgoyne
Mr Bowden	Mr Edgington
Mr Brown	Mrs Finocchiaro
Ms Fyles	Mr Guyula
Mr Kirby	Mrs Hersey
Ms Lawler	Mrs Lambley
Mrs Manison	Mr Maley
Mr Monaghan	Ms Purick
Mr Paech	Mr Yan
Mr Potter	
Mr Turner	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Pairs: Ms Boothby and Ms Moss

Motion agreed to.

On the question that the amendment be agreed to.

The Assembly divided.

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

Pairs: Ms Boothby and Ms Moss

Amendment not agreed to.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved the following amendment.

Clause 4(1), before "prohibited weapon or controlled weapon"

insert

offensive weapon,

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes 8	**Noes 15**
Mr Burgoyne	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Edgington	Mr Bowden
Mrs Finocchiaro	Mr Brown
Mrs Hersey	Ms Fyles
Mrs Lambley	Mr Guyula
Mr Maley	Mr Kirby
Ms Purick	Ms Lawler
Mr Yan	Mrs Manison
	Mr Monaghan
	Mr Paech
	Mr Potter
	Mr Turner
	Ms Uibo
	Mrs Worden
	Mr Young

Pairs: Ms Boothby and Ms Moss

Amendment not agreed to.

Clause 4 stands as printed.

Clause 5 considered.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved the following amendment.

Clause 5, proposed section 71

omit, insert

71 Application of amendments to section 7A

The amendments to section 7A by the *Bail Amendment Act 2023* apply in relation to an alleged offence the charge for which is filed after the commencement of section 4 of that Act, even if the offence is alleged to have been committed before that commencement.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes 8	**Noes 15**
Mr Burgoyne	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Edgington	Mr Bowden
Mrs Finocchiaro	Mr Brown
Mrs Hersey	Ms Fyles
Mrs Lambley	Mr Guyula
Mr Maley	Mr Kirby
Ms Purick	Ms Lawler
Mr Yan	Mrs Manison
	Mr Monaghan

Mr Paech
Mr Potter
Mr Turner
Ms Uibo
Mrs Worden
Mr Young

Pairs: Ms Boothby and Ms Moss

Amendment not agreed to.

Clause 5 stands as printed.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

16. MOTION: SAFETY OF TERRITORIANS

Mrs Finocchiaro, pursuant to notice, moved:

> That the Parliament condemn the Labor Government for its failure to stop the revolving door of bail, and answer the concerns of Territorians who no longer feel safe.

Mr Paech, Mrs Hersey, Mrs Worden, Mr Edgington, Mr Burgoyne, Mr Yan, Mr Maley, Ms Uibo.

Debate suspended.

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

Question put and passed.

Ms Lawler, Mrs Hersey, Ms Uibo.

The Assembly adjourned at 22.55 until Thursday 30 March 2023 at 10.00.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Ms Boothby on leave.

MATHEW BATES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly