NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 68
Wednesday 15 February 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

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

4. VISITORS

On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Year 6 students and teachers from Nakara Primary School present in the gallery.

5. MOTION: APPOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUDIT OF SPENDING ON ABORIGINAL TERRITORIANS

Mr Edgington moved:

That this Assembly:

Appoints a select parliamentary committee to inquire into the utilisation of Commonwealth funding intended to benefit Aboriginal Territorians to determine whether funds are being spent as intended.

Specifically, the select committee will look at:

(1) What programs are being funded and the quantum of that funding

(2) Whether those programs specifically benefit Aboriginal Territorians

(3) The amount of funding and whether it is sufficient; and

(4) Whether the programs being funded include applicable reporting requirements and KPIs to measure whether they are working.

The committee will be comprised of three (3) Government Members, two (2) Opposition Members and one (1) Independent Member, to be nominated in writing to the Speaker by the relevant Whip or non-party aligned Member.

The committee is to report to the Legislative Assembly within three (3) months, with specific audit findings and recommendations concerning funding to combat Aboriginal disadvantage in the Territory.

Ms Uibo.

Ms Uibo moved that the question be put.

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The Assembly divided:

Ayes 13	**Noes 10**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Burgoyne
Ms Fyles	Mr Edgington
Mr Kirby	Mrs Finocchiaro
Ms Lawler	Mr Guyula
Mrs Manison	Mrs Hersey
Ms Moss	Mrs Lambley
Mr Paech	Mr Maley
Mr Potter	Ms Purick
Mr Turner	Mr Yan
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Motion agreed to.

On the question that the motion to appoint the select committee be agreed to.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 10	**Noes 14**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Bowden
Mr Edgington	Ms Fyles
Mrs Finocchiaro	Mr Kirby
Mr Guyula	Ms Lawler
Mrs Hersey	Mrs Manison
Mrs Lambley	Mr Monaghan
Mr Maley	Ms Moss
Ms Purick	Mr Paech
Mr Yan	Mr Potter
	Mr Turner
	Ms Uibo
	Mrs Worden
	Mr Young

Motion not agreed to.

6. VISITOR

On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Mr Neil Bell, former Member for MacDonnell, present in the gallery.

7. CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL 2023 (SERIAL 77)

Mrs Worden (Minister for Territory Families), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Care and Protection of Children Act 2007.*

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Worden moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 781).

Mr Edgington moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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8. **STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (NATIONAL CABINET) BILL 2023 (SERIAL 76)**
Ms Fyles (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation as a consequence of the abolition of the Council of Australian Governments and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 782).

Mr Yan moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

9. **PETROLEUM ROYALTY BILL 2023 (SERIAL 82)**
Ms Lawler (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to impose a royalty on petroleum produced in the Northern Territory and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Lawler moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 783).

Mr Yan moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

10. **VISITORS**
On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Year 6 students and teachers from Nakara Primary School present in the gallery.

11. **TRESPASS BILL 2023 (SERIAL 79)**
Mrs Worden (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for offences related to trespass and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Worden moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 784).

Mr Edgington moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

12. **VISITORS**
On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Year 6 students and teachers from Nakara Primary School present in the gallery.

13. **MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT: BUILDING A BETTER TERRITORY**
Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly take note of the statement.

Mrs Finocchiaro.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.57 and 14.00.

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14. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Fyles (Chief Minister) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Statute Law Amendment (Succession of the Crown) Bill 2023 (Serial 80).
2. Ms Fyles (Chief Minister) will move on the next Meeting Day that we, the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory, in recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the First Peoples of Australia, support a constitutionally enshrined Voice to Commonwealth Parliament.

15. QUESTIONS

14.01 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mrs Worden
14.02 Mr Potter to Ms Fyles
14.05 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler
14.10 Mr Young to Mrs Manison
14.13 Ms Boothby to Ms Fyles
14.17 Mr Potter to Ms Lawler
14.21 Mr Burgoyne to Mr Paech
14.24 Mr Bowden to Ms Moss
14.28 Mr Edgington to Ms Fyles
14.32 Mr Bowden to Ms Uibo
14.35 Mr Guyula to Ms Uibo
14.39 Mr Young to Mr Kirby
14.43 Mrs Hersey to Mrs Worden
14.47 Mr Young to Ms Ah Kit
14.50 Mr Yan to Mrs Worden
14.54 Mr Potter to Mr Paech
14.58 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mrs Worden
15.00 Mr Bowden to Mrs Worden

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

16. LIQUOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (OFFENCES) BILL 2023 (SERIAL 78)

Mr Maley, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Liquor Act 2019*, the *Alcohol Harm Reduction Act 2017* and the Liquor Regulations 2019.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Maley moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 785).

Mr Paech moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

17. MOTION: PARLIAMENT HOUSE TO BE AN ALCOHOL FREE WORKPLACE

Mrs Lambley, pursuant to notice, moved:

> That the Members of the NT Legislative Assembly support Parliament House be made an "alcohol free workplace".
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> That the Members of the NT Legislative Assembly support that all work areas within Parliament House, specifically and only pertaining to the staff and Members of the NT Legislative Assembly, are to be alcohol free, including, the whole of Level 5; all other offices and work areas; conference rooms; Member suites; reception areas; and all verandas adjacent to offices and work areas.

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That the Members of the NT Legislative Assembly support that the service and consumption of alcohol at Parliament House will be restricted to official and private functions in allocated function areas, and at the privately operated Speaker's Corner cafe, should they choose.

Mrs Manison.

Visitors: On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed the Foundations of Governance group from the Office of the Commissioner of Public Employment with their facilitator Mark Evans, present in the gallery.

Mrs Manison moved that the question be put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 13	**Noes 9**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Burgoyne
Ms Fyles	Mr Edgington
Mr Kirby	Mrs Finocchiaro
Ms Lawler	Mr Guyula
Mrs Manison	Mrs Hersey
Ms Moss	Mrs Lambley
Mr Paech	Mr Maley
Mr Potter	Mr Yan
Mr Turner	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Motion agreed to.

On the question that the motion on Parliament House to be an alcohol free workplace be agreed to.

The Assembly divided:

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

Motion not agreed to.

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18. MOTION: PROGRESS OF FLOOD MITIGATION MEASURES IN ALICE SPRINGS

Mrs Lambley, pursuant to notice, moved:

That the NT Legislative Assembly note:

There has been zero progress and investment in the implementation of flood mitigation measures in Alice Springs since 2016 by the NT Government.

That this total standstill or halt in the progress and investment in the implementation of Alice Springs flood mitigation measures for many years is at the expense of a large number of Alice Springs residents and businesses located in the flood areas who now pay outrageously high insurance premiums on their properties.

And that this situation places Alice Springs in a potentially untenable and dangerous position in trying to mitigate against a well overdue major flood in the town.

Ms Lawler, Mr Burgoyne, Mrs Manison, Mrs Hersey, Mrs Worden.

Paper Tabled: Mrs Worden (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services) tabled: Media Release, Alice Springs Flood Mitigation, 10 February 2023 (Paper 786).

Mr Yan, Ms Uibo, Mr Maley, Ms Moss.

Debate suspended.

19. PAPER TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled: Quarterly Members' Fuel Transaction Report, Quarter 4, October to December 2022 (Paper 787).

20. ADJOURNMENT

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

Question put and passed.

Ms Lawler, Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Moss, Mr Maley, Mrs Hersey, Mr Kirby, Mr Burgoyne, Mr Potter, Ms Ah Kit.

The Assembly adjourned at 20.04 until Thursday 16 February 2023 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Reports 2021–2022

AustralAsia Railway Corporation (Paper 780)
Northern Territory Grants Commission (Paper 779)

Local Government Act 2019

Local Government Guideline No. 7, Procedural Fairness in Deciding Code of Conduct Complaints (Paper 778)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MATHEW BATES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly