NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 6
Thursday 12 November 2020

1. MEETING
The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Ngaree Ah Kit, presided.

2. PRAYERS
Mr Turner read the prayer.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
Mr Turner delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT
The Speaker made a statement regarding photography in the Chamber.

5. VISITORS
The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 11 Students from Darwin High School accompanied by their teacher Ms Kira Goodsell.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

6. MOTION: ESTIMATES COMMITTEE 2020 TERMS OF REFERENCE
Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business), pursuant to notice, moved:

The Assembly resolves that:

1) There be appointed an Estimates Committee of the Legislative Assembly (the Committee) for the purposes of examining and reporting on the:

   (a) estimates of proposed expenditure contained in the Appropriation (2020-2021) Bill 2020 (the Appropriation Bill) and related budget documents, and

   (b) activities, performance, practices and financial management of the Power and Water Corporation, Jacana Energy and Territory Generation, with reference to those corporations' Statements of Corporate Intent 2020-21.

2) The membership of the Committee will be four Government Members, being:

   - the Member for Johnston, Joel Bowden – who will be the Chair of the Committee;
   - the Member for Arafura, Lawrence Costa;
   - the Member for Fong Lim, Mark Monaghan; and

- the Member for Blain, Mark Turner.

The remainder of the Committee will comprise of two Opposition Members and one non-party aligned Member to be nominated in writing to the Speaker by the relevant Whip or non-party aligned Member.

3) The Committee may hold hearings on the following days:

Monday, 7 December 2020

Tuesday, 8 December 2020

Wednesday, 9 December 2020

Thursday, 10 December 2020

Friday, 11 December 2020

4) The total time for hearings of the Committee may not exceed 60 hours

5) The maximum time of the appearance of the Chief Minister shall be 8 hours, and for each other Minister and the Speaker not exceed 7 hours.

6) The Committee will publish a schedule of the days and times of hearings, and the times allotted for hearing from Ministers, the Speaker and Board Chairs by 20 November 2020. The Committee may only amend the published schedule with the consent of the Leader of Government Business.

7) The Committee shall examine the proposed expenditure contained in the Appropriation Bill by portfolios in accordance with an agenda published by the Committee and the proposed expenditure shall be considered on an output by output basis for each portfolio unit.

8) All hearings will be available to the public via live stream to be COVID safe, and the Committee will implement a COVID safety plan.

9) All questions should conform to Standing Order 109 and answers will be concise and directly relevant to the question asked.

10) Answers to questions taken on notice during the hearings, or additional information about an answer given by or on behalf of a Minister, the Speaker or Board Chair, are to be written and given to the First Clerk Assistant by 22 January 2021. Answers or additional information so received are authorised for publication.

11) The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly is authorised to publish a transcript of the Committee proceedings, whether or not it has been edited, as soon as practicable.

12) Evidence taken in public by the Committee and documents presented to the Committee are deemed to be authorised for publication by the Committee, unless the Committee orders otherwise.

13) At a hearing of the Committee, the Chair may, after a warning, order any Member of the Assembly whose conduct, in the opinion of the Chair, continues to be disorderly or disruptive to immediately withdraw from the Committee for a period of 1 hour.

14) Following its second reading, the Appropriation Bill stands referred to the Committee for report by 11 December 2020.

15) The Assembly's Routine of Business of Business for Friday, 11 December 2020 is:

1. 14.30

   Report from Estimates Committee and consideration of Appropriation Bill

2. Government Business – Notices and Orders of the Day

3. Papers

16) When the Committee's report on the Appropriation Bill is presented, the Assembly shall immediately consider the question:

    that the expenditure proposed in the Appropriation (2020-2021) Bill 2020 stand as part of the Bill, and the report of the Estimates Committee be noted.

17) The following time limits shall apply to the debate on this question:

    - Ministers, Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Ministers: 20 minutes;
    - Any other Member: 10 minutes;
    - The maximum period for consideration shall be 5 hours.

18) When the question on the expenditure proposed in the Appropriation Bill is agreed to, the following question is proposed and put immediately:

    that the remainder of the Bill stand as part of the Bill.

19) When the Appropriation Bill has been agreed to by the Assembly, the third reading may be taken into consideration immediately.

20) This resolution shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in Standing and Sessional Orders.

Mrs Finocchiaro.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 11 students from Darwin High School accompanied by their teacher Ms Jessica Albertoni.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Mrs Manison.

Mr Burgoyne moved, that the question now be put.

Question put and not agreed to.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of members of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Ms Purick, Mrs Lambley, Mr Bowden.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.58 and 14.00.

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7. QUESTIONS

14.00 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.05 Mr Costa to Mr Gunner
14.08 Mr Burgoyne to Mr Gunner
14.13 Mr Monaghan to Mrs Manison
14.16 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler
14.22 Mr Bowden to Ms Fyles
14.25 Mr Sloan to Ms Fyles
14.29 Mr Monaghan to Ms Lawler
14.33 Mr Yan to Mr Gunner
14.39 Mr Turner to Mr Kirby
14.42 Mr Guyula to Ms Moss
14.46 Mrs Hersey to Mr Gunner
14.51 Mr Turner to Mrs Manison
14.54 Ms Boothby to Mr Gunner
15.05 Mr Bowden to Ms Fyles

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

Mrs Manison, pursuant to Standing Order 115, gave an answer to a question asked on a previous day during Question Time by Ms Purick.

8. MOTION: ESTIMATES COMMITTEE 2020 TERMS OF REFERENCE AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the question that the motion be agreed to.

Mr Paech.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved that the question now be put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 10	**Noes 13**
Ms Boothby	Mr Bowden
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Costa
Mr Edgington	Ms Fyles
Mrs Finocchiaro	Mr Gunner
Mrs Hersey	Mr Kirby
Mrs Lambley	Ms Lawler
Mr Maley	Mrs Manison
Ms Purick	Mr Monaghan
Mr Sloan	Ms Moss
Mr Yan	Mr Paech
	Mr Turner
	Ms Uibo
	Mrs Worden

Motion not agreed to.

Mrs Worden, Ms Uibo

Visitor: The Acting Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Peter Adkins.

On behalf of all Members the Acting Deputy Speaker welcomed the visitor.

Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed.

9. WEAPONS CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL 2020 (SERIAL 3)

Mrs Manison (Minister for Police), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Weapons Control Act 2001*.

Mrs Manison moved that the Bill be read a second time, tabled and Explanatory Statement (Paper 146), and delivered a Second Reading speech.

Mr Edgington moved that debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

10. EVIDENCE (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2020 (SERIAL 4)

Ms Uibo (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Evidence (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011*.

Ms Uibo moved that the Bill be read a second time, tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 147), and delivered a Second Reading speech.

Mr Edgington moved that debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

11. STATUTE LAW REPEALS BILL 2020 (SERIAL 8)

Ms Uibo (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal legislation that is spent or no longer required.

Ms Uibo moved that the Bill be read a second time, tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 148) and delivered a Second Reading speech.

Mr Edgington moved that debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

12. STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2020 (SERIAL 2): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mr Edgington, Ms Uibo.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

By leave, on the motion of Ms Uibo (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

13. LIQUOR FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2020 (SERIAL 9): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Maley, Ms Boothby, Mr Kirby.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved to consider the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 4 considered together.

Clauses 1 to 4 stand as printed.

Clause 5 considered.

Mr Kirby moved the following amendment:

Clause 5, proposed section 334(1)(a)(iii)

omit, insert

(iii) is, on the commencement, subject to an application for a review or rehearing by NTCAT that was lodged before the commencement under section 31 or 326 of this Act; and

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 5 as amended stands.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill as amended agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Kirby (Minister for Small Business), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

14. MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT

Ms Lawler (Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics) made a statement regarding investing in infrastructure and creating local jobs.

Ms Lawler moved that the Assembly take note of the statement.

Mr Maley.

Ms Fyles moved the debate be adjourned.

15. PAPER TABLED

The Speaker tabled:

House Committee of the Legislative Assembly, Report November 2020 (Paper 151).

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ms Moss, Ms Lawler, Mr Monaghan, Ms Uibo, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Manison, Mr Maley, Mrs Worden, Ms Boothby, Mr Yan, Mr Bowden, Mr Sloan, Mr Edgington, Mrs Hersey, Mr Burgoyne.

The Assembly adjourned at 22.07 until Friday 11 December 2020 at 14.30.

DEEMED PAPERS
Pursuant to Standing Order 239 the following paper was deemed tabled:

Employment Report 2019-2020
Department of the Legislative Assembly (Paper 149).

Report
Independent Auditor's Report to the Minister for Mining and Industry, Desert Knowledge Australia (Paper 150).

ATTENDANCE
All Members attended the meeting.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly