NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 28
Thursday 22 June 2017

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick, presided.

2. PRAYERS

3. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5 students from the Essington School Darwin accompanied by their teachers, Kate Kain, Louise Hand and Peter Bannatyne.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENTS

The Speaker made statements regarding the Red Nose Campaign, a new Sessional Order, and Presentation of Bills Electronically.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of the following Message from His Honour the Administrator (Paper 310):

Message Number 6

Assent to Proposed Laws

I, JOHN HARDY AO, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, advise the Legislative Assembly of, pursuant to section 7 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government Act) 1978* of the Commonwealth, the assent to the following proposed laws:

31 May 2017
Criminal Code Amendment (Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried) Act 2017 (Act No 8 of 2017)
Justice and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Crime Commission) Act 2017 (Act No 9 of 2017)
Limitation Amendment (Child Abuse) Act 2017 (Act No 10 of 2017)
Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Legislation Amendment Act 2017 (Act No 11 of 2017)

31 May 2017

JOHN HARDY AO
Administrator

6. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AGREED TO

Ms Fyles moved that a leave of absence for today be granted to Mr Sievers.

Motion agreed to.

7. APPROPRIATION (2017-2018) BILL 2017 (SERIAL 20): BILL AGREED TO

The Assembly resolved to consider the Bill in detail.

Ms Ah Kit (Chair of the Estimates Committee).

Papers Tabled: Ah Kit tabled:

1. Estimates Committee Report, 21 June 2017 (Paper 311).
2. Estimates Committee Report, Associated Minutes of Proceedings, June 2017 (Paper 312).

Ms Uibo, Ms Nelson, Mr Paech, Mr Higgins.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Mrs Cathy McConnell and her parents, Mrs Anna Crouk and Mr Tom Crouk.

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Katherine High School Students from the STARS Foundation accompanied by Jessie Hillen and Keely Ah Chin.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Mr Wood, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Mills, Mrs Lambley.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5 students from The Essington School Darwin accompanied by their teachers, Maureen Nguyen and Louise Hand.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Ms Fyles, Ms Manison.

Expenditure proposed in the Appropriation (2017-2018) Bill 2017 (Serial 20) agreed to.

Remainder of the Bill taken as a whole and agreed to.

On the motion of Ms Manison (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

8. REVENUE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 22)

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

Mr Higgins.

Debate suspended.

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

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9. NOTICES

The following notice was given:

1. Mr Wood will move on the next General Business Day that Power and Water reopen public access to Darwin River Dam and allow contractors to use the water filling station on site.

10. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 123, presented responses to Petition Number 9, Regarding restoring Motorcycle Education Training and Licensing and Petition Number 10, Regarding Provision and availability of Improved Health Services in the Coomalie Shire (Paper 313).

11. QUESTIONS

14.01 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.04 Ms Nelson to Mr Gunner
14.07 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr McCarthy
14.10 Mr Kirby to Mr Gunner
14.14 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14.18 Mrs Worden to Ms Manison
14.21 Mr Wood to Mr Vowles
14.22 Ms Uibo to Ms Manison
14.26 Ms Ah Kit to Ms Fyles
14.29 Mr Higgins to Ms Wakefield
14.31 Mr Mills to Mr McCarthy
14.32 Mr Collins to Ms Lawler
14.35 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.39 Mr Costa to Mr McCarthy
14.42 Mr Wood to Ms Manison
14.45 Mr Kirby to Ms Moss
14.48 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.53 Ms Nelson to Mr Vowles
14.56 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner

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

12. PAPERS TABLED

The Speaker tabled:

1. A letter to the Speaker from the Chief Minister concerning Written Question Number 57 dated 27 May 2017 (Paper 314).
2. A letter to the Speaker from the Minister for Housing and Community Development concerning Written Question Number 60 dated 8 June 2017 (Paper 315).
3. A letter to the Speaker from the Minister for Primary Industry and Resources concerning Written Question Number 61 dated 8 June 2017 (Paper 316).

13. REVENUE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 22): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mr Higgins, Mr Wood, Ms Manison.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On the motion of Ms Manison (Treasurer), by leave, the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

14. NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (NORTHERN TERRITORY) (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 23): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mr Higgins, Mr Wood, Ms Manison.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On the motion of Ms Manison (Treasurer), by leave, the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

15. LIQUOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 24): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mr Higgins, Mr Wood, Ms Fyles.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 17	**Noes 5**
Ms Ah Kit	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Collins	Mr Higgins
Mr Costa	Mrs Lambley
Ms Fyles	Mr Mills
Mr Gunner	Mr Wood
Mr Kirby	
Ms Lawler	
Mr McCarthy	
Mr McConnell	
Ms Manison	
Ms Moss	
Ms Nelson	
Mr Paech	
Ms Uibo	
Mr Vowles	
Ms Wakefield	
Mrs Worden	

Motion agreed to.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Bill taken clause by clause.

Clause 1, by leave, agreed to.

Clause 2, by leave, agreed to.

Clause 3 read.

Debate ensued.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clause 4, by leave, agreed to.

Clause 5, by leave, agreed to.

Clause 6, by leave, agreed to.

Clause 7, by leave, agreed to.

Question, that the Bill stand as printed, put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 18	**Noes 5**
Ms Ah Kit	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Collins	Mr Higgins
Mr Costa	Mrs Lambley
Ms Fyles	Mr Mills
Mr Gunner	Mr Wood
Mr Guyula	
Mr Kirby	
Ms Lawler	
Mr McCarthy	
Mr McConnell	
Ms Manison	
Ms Moss	
Ms Nelson	
Mr Paech	
Ms Uibo	
Mr Vowles	
Ms Wakefield	
Mrs Worden	

Motion agreed to.

Question, that the Bill be read a third time, put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 18	**Noes 5**
Ms Ah Kit	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Collins	Mr Higgins
Mr Costa	Mrs Lambley
Ms Fyles	Mr Mills
Mr Gunner	Mr Wood
Mr Guyula	
Mr Kirby	
Ms Lawler	
Mr McCarthy	
Mr McConnell	
Ms Manison	
Ms Moss	
Ms Nelson	
Mr Paech	
Ms Uibo	
Mr Vowles	
Ms Wakefield	
Mrs Worden	

Motion agreed to.

16. PAPERS TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled:

1. Travel Report, Member for Daly, Mr Gary Higgins travelled to Perth in May 2017 to attend the APPEA Exhibition and Conference, dated 1 June 2017 (Paper 332).
2. Travel Report, Member for Nelson, Mr Gerry Wood travelled to Katherine in April 2017 to attend a field day at the Katherine Research Station, dated 6 June 2017 (Paper 331).

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ms Fyles.

Paper Tabled: Ms Fyles, by leave, tabled a List of Excellence in Nursing and Midwifery Awards 2017 (Paper 333).

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Wood, Ms Uibo, Mr Guyula, Mr Paech, Ms Ah Kit, Ms Nelson, Ms Moss, Mrs Worden.

The Assembly adjourned at 18.55 until Tuesday 15 August 2017 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Addendum:

Independent Auditor's Report, Annual Report 2015-2016, Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park Board, (Tabled 14 February 2017) (Paper 317).

Annual Report 2015-2016:

Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education, Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2016 (Paper 318).
Menzies School of Health Research, Financial Report 2016 (Paper 320).
Charles Darwin University, Independent Auditors Financial Statements 2016 (Paper 321)
Pastoral Land Board 2015-2016 (Paper 322).

Corrigendum:

Annual Report, Museum and Art Gallery 2015-2016 (Page 93) (Paper 323).

Coroners Act:

In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and recommendation regarding the death of Mr Noel Ramage, dated 11 May 2017 (Paper 324).

***Financial Management Act*:**

Direction Transfer of Excess Appropriations, dated 21 June 2017 (Paper 325).

Independent Auditor's Report:

Auditor-General, Independent Auditor's Report to the Minister for Education, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education Annual Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2016 (Paper 319).

Plan of Management:

Litchfield National Park, December 2016 (Paper 327).

Professional Standards Act:

Notification The South Australian Bar Association Inc Professional Standards Scheme, dated 15 May 2017 (Paper 326).

Subordinate Legislation 2017:

No. 9 of 2017, Business Tenancies (Fair Dealings) Amendment Regulations 2017 (Paper 328).
No. 10 of 2017, Administration and Probate Amendment Regulations 2017 (Paper 329).
No. 11 of 2017, Bushfires Management (General) Regulations 2017 (Paper 330).

ATTENDANCE
All Members attended the meeting except Mr Sievers on leave.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly