NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 15
Thursday 16 February 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 two Year 3/4 classes from Rosebery Primary School, accompanied by their teacher, Lindsay Clarke.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

4. MOTION: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS NOT AGREED TO

Mr Wood, moved that so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the House from moving a motion to refer the Termination of Pregnancy Law Reform Bill 2017 (Serial 15) to a Select Committee comprising of 3 Government Members, 2 Independents and 1 Opposition Member and that the Committee report back by the next three meeting periods.

Mr Gunner, Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Fyles, Mr Mills.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 5	**Noes 16**
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Guyula	Mr Collins
Mr Higgins	Mr Costa
Mr Mills	Ms Fyles
Mr Wood	Mr Gunner
	Mr Kirby
	Ms Lawler
	Mr McConnell
	Ms Manison
	Ms Moss
	Ms Nelson
	Mr Paech
	Mr Sievers
	Mr Vowles
	Ms Wakefield
	Mrs Worden

Motion not agreed to.

5. CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES AMENDMENT BILL 2016 (SERIAL 2): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

6. DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE (RECOGNITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDERS) (NATIONAL UNIFORM LAW) AMENDMENT BILL 2016 (SERIAL 3)

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

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Wood, Ms Nelson, Mr McCarthy, Ms Wakefield, Mr Guyula, Mr Vowles.

Debate suspended.

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

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7. NOTICES

The following notice was given:

1. Mr Mills will move on the next General Business Day that this Assembly calls upon the Northern Territory Government to:

   Recognise the importance of the NT horticulture and hospitality industries and their contribution as important economic growth drivers in the north.

   And to work with the local horticulture and hospitality sector and other stakeholders; including the Commonwealth Government to develop new models to address a labour shortfall at these critical times by developing improved models to access the labour markets of ASEAN.

8. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 123, tabled Responses to Petition Number 1, Transport for Coomalie district residents to attend medical appointments in Darwin and Petition Number 2, Access to hospital treatment in Darwin for Coomalie residents (Paper 214).

9. QUESTIONS

14:01 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14:05 Mrs Worden to Mr Gunner
14:09 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14:13 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner – Supplementary
14:14 Mr Kirby to Ms Manison
14:17 Mr Guyula to Ms Fyles

14:20 Mr Costa to Ms Moss
14:23 Mr Sievers to Mr Vowles
14:27 Mr Guyula to Mr McCarthy
14:30 Mr Paech to Ms Fyles
14:34 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14:37 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14:39 Ms Ah Kit to Ms Lawler
14:42 Mr Wood to Ms Wakefield
14:46 Mr Paech to Mr McCarthy
14:49 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14:54 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner

Visitor: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of a young student from Stuart Park Primary who had come to watch Question Time.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitor.

14:57 Mr McConnell to Ms Moss

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

10. DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE (RECOGNITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDERS) (NATIONAL UNIFORM LAW) AMENDMENT BILL 2016 (SERIAL 3): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mr Paech, Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: THE YEAR AHEAD MOTION TO NOTE

Mr Gunner (Chief Minister) made a statement regarding the economic agenda.

Visitor: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the Mayor of Katherine, Fay Miller.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitor.

Mr Gunner moved that the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Mr Higgins, Ms Lawler, Ms Wakefield, Ms Moss, Mr McCarthy, Mr Vowles, Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Nelson, Mrs Worden, Mr Collins, Ms Ah Kit, Mr McConnell, Mr Sievers, Mr Costa.

On the motion of Ms Fyles debate was adjourned.

12. PAPER TABLED

The Acting Deputy Speaker tabled:

1. Travel Report, Member for Goyder, Ms Kezia Purick, travelled to Canberra to meet with the officials of Geoscience of Australia, dated 14 February 2017 (Paper 217).

13. MOTION: AUDITOR-GENERAL FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY, NOVEMBER 2016

Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly take note of the report.

Mr Gunner, Mr McCarthy.

Leave was granted for Mr McCarthy to continue his remarks at a later time.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr Gunner, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Guyula, Ms Moss, Ms Purick, Mr Wood, Ms Lawler, Mr McCarthy, Ms Ah Kit, Mrs Worden, Ms Manison.

Paper Tabled: Ms Manison, by leave, tabled a Petition, Justin Morgan Park Was Taken Too Soon. Close the Dangerous Loophole that Lets Our Kids Drown (On-line Petition) (Paper 218).

Mr Sievers, Ms Nelson, Mr Kirby.

The Assembly adjourned at 20.57 until Tuesday 14 March 2017 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Financial Management Act:

Authorisation - Issue of Increased Funds available from Commonwealth, dated 13 February 2017 (Paper 212).

Direction - Transfer of Excess Appropriations, dated 13 February 2017 (Paper 213).

Determination - Proportions of Appropriations to be Transferred after Redistribution of Business, dated 13 February 2017 (Paper 214).

Subordinate Legislation 2017:

No.1 of 2017, Public Information Regulations (Paper 215)

No.2 of 2017, Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Amendment Regulations 2017 (Paper 216)

ATTENDANCE

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

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly