NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 18
Wednesday 5 May 2021

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

2. PRAYERS
Mr Bowden read the prayer.

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

4. VISITORS
The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5 students from Nightcliff Primary School accompanied by their teachers.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

5. APPROPRIATION (2021-2022) BILL 2021 (SERIAL 22) AND FINANCIAL INTEGRITY AND REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 23)
Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be read a second time.

Mrs Finocchiaro.

6. YOUTH JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 24), PASSAGE IN MAY MEETINGS BY LEAVE
Mrs Manison (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services) sought leave of the Assembly for the Youth Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 to be debated through all stages in the May Meetings of the Assembly.

Leave granted.

7. YOUTH JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 24)
Mrs Manison (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bail Act 1982*, the *Youth Justice Act 2005* and the Bail Regulations 1983 and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Manison (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services) moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a Second Reading Speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 241).

Mr Edgington moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

8. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5 students from Nightcliff Primary School, accompanied by their teachers.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

9. SERIOUS SEX OFFENDERS AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 16): 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.

10. APPROPRIATION (2021-2022) BILL 2021 (SERIAL 22) AND FINANCIAL INTEGRITY AND REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 23)

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

Ms Fyles.

Paper Tabled: Ms Fyles (Minister for Health) tabled: 'Renewables a hoax, Coalition Senator says world's biggest solar farm a hoax perpetrated by the industry on the gullible' (Paper 245).

Debate suspended.

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

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11. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the Foundations of Public Sector Governance Group.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

12. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Fyles (Minister for Health) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 (Serial 25).
2. Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) will move on the next Meeting Day:

1. There be appointed an Estimates Committee of the Legislative Assembly (the Committee) for the purposes of examining and reporting on the:
    1. estimates of proposed expenditure contained in the Appropriation (2021-2022) Bill (the Appropriation Bill) and related budget documents,
    2. Financial Integrity and Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 and related documents, and

3. 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 2021-22.

2. The membership of the Committee will be three Government Members, being:

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

   The remainder of the Committee will comprise one Opposition Member 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:

   Tuesday, 15 June 2021
   Wednesday, 16 June 2021
   Thursday, 17 June 2021
   Monday, 21 June 2021
   Tuesday, 22 June 2021
   Wednesday, 23 June 2021
   Thursday, 24 June 2021

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 not exceed 9 hours, and for each other Minister and the Speaker shall 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 21 May 2021. 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 19 July 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 their second reading, the Appropriation Bill and the Financial Integrity and Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 stand referred to the Committee for report by 25 June 2021.

15. The Assembly's Routine of Business for Thursday, 24 June 2021 is:

    1. 2.30pm
       Prayers and Acknowledgement of Country
    2. Report from Estimates Committee and consideration of Appropriation Bill and the Financial Integrity and Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2021

16. When the Committee's report on the Appropriation Bill and the Financial Integrity and Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 is presented, the Assembly shall immediately consider the question:

    that the expenditure proposed in the Appropriation (2021-2022) Bill stand as part of that Bill, and the clauses of the Financial Integrity and Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 stand part of that 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 and the clauses of the Financial Integrity and Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 is agreed to, the following question is proposed and put immediately:

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

19. When the Bills have been agreed to by the Assembly, their third reading may be taken into consideration immediately.

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

Paper Tabled: Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) tabled: Estimates Committee 2021 Terms of Reference (Paper 246).

13. QUESTIONS

14.04 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler
14.08 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler – Supplementary
14.15 Mr Monaghan to Mr Gunner
14.20 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler
14.23 Mr Bowden to Mr Kirby
14.26 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler

14.30 Mr Costa to Mrs Worden
14.34 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler
14.38 Mr Costa to Mr Peach
14.45 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler
14.47 Mr Bowden to Ms Manison
14.50 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler
14.54 Mr Bowden to Ms Fyles
14.58 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler

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

14. COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES – EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPORT

Ms Fyles (Chair of the Committee of Privileges) sought leave of the Assembly to grant to Committee of Privileges an extension of time to inquire into and report on matters referred to the Committee concerning the Member for Blain until the conclusion of the first Assembly meeting period to be scheduled for 2022.

Leave granted.

15. BAIL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 17): BILL NOT AGREED TO

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

Mrs Manison, Mr Maley, Mr Edgington, Mr Yan, Ms Boothby, Mrs Hersey, Ms Purick, Mr Sloan, Mrs Lambley, Mrs Finocchiaro.

Ms Fyles moved that the question be put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 13	**Noes 9**
Mr Bowden	Ms Boothby
Mr Costa	Mr Edgington
Mr Gunner	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Guyula	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	

Pairs: Ms Fyles and Mr Burgoyne

Motion agreed to.

On the question that the Bill be read a second time.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 9	**Noes 14**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Edgington	Mr Bowden
Mrs Finocchiaro	Mr Costa
Mrs Hersey	Mr Gunner
Mrs Lambley	Mr Guyula
Mr Maley	Mr Kirby
Ms Purick	Ms Lawler

Mr Sloan	Mrs Manison
Mr Yan	Mr Monaghan
	Ms Moss
	Mr Paech
	Mr Turner
	Ms Uibo
	Mrs Worden

Pairs: Ms Fyles and Mr Burgoyne.

Question not agreed to.

Bill defeated.

16. MOTION: YOUTH CRIME IN ALICE SPRINGS, AS AMENDED AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the motion:

> That the NT Government provides a safe house where children 'at risk' found on the streets of Alice Springs at night can be taken, assessed and cared for until a responsible adult can be found.

Mrs Worden moved the following amendment on 24 February 2021:

> Omit all words after 'that' and insert the following words:
>
> this Assembly acknowledges the complexity of working on issues of child and community safety in Alice Springs and recognises the continuing work of the Territory Government and others, to make Alice Springs safer.

Ms Moss, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Edgington, Mrs Lambley.

Question put and passed.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to.

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Assembly adjourned at 18.59 until Thursday, 6 May 2021 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Reports 2019-2020

Health and Community Services Complaints Commission (Paper 242)
Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park Board (Paper 243)

Financial Management Act 1995

Investment Determination dated 23 March 2021 (Paper 244)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Mr Burgoyne on leave.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly