NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 90
Thursday 20 June 2019

1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mr Kirby delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Cheryl and Alan Harkins, Rhonda and Jeff Arrow, Helen and Russell Strong, and Lisa Victor.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of the following Message from Her Honour the Administrator (Paper 1209):

Message Number 24

Assent to Proposed Laws

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

27 May 2019

National Disability Insurance Scheme (Authorisations) Act 2019 (Act No. 15 of 2019)
Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Act 2019 (Act No. 16 of 2019)

30 May 2019

Medical Services Amendment Act 2019 (Act No. 17 of 2019)
*Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Act 2019 (*Act No. 18 of 2019*)*
*Water Amendment Act 2019 (*Act No. 19 of 2019*)*

Dated 12 June 2019.

6. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Speaker reported to the Assembly that in accordance with Standing Order 181 the following membership changes were made to various Committees.

1. Ms Nelson discharged from Social Policy Scrutiny Committee and Mrs Worden appointed.
2. Ms Nelson discharged from the House Committee and Ms Ah Kit appointed.
3. Ms Nelson discharged from the Public Accounts Committee and Mr Costa appointed.
4. Mr Kirby discharged from the Standing Orders Committee and Mrs Worden appointed.

7. CONDOLENCE MOTION AGREED TO: DARWIN TRAGEDY

The Speaker informed the Assembly of the Darwin tragedy on 4 June 2019.

Mr Gunner (Chief Minister) moved that this Assembly express its condolences at the passing of the victims, and extend deepest sympathy to their family and friends.

Mr Higgins, Ms Fyles, Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Manison, Mr Vowles, Mr Collins, Ms Purick.

Question put and passed.

As a mark of respect Members stood in their places in silence for one minute.

8. PAPERS TABLED: REPORT FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Mr Sievers (Chair of the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee) tabled the Committee's Report on the Water Legislation Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2019 (Serial 81) (Paper 1210) and Minutes of Proceedings (Paper 1211) and made a statement.

Mr Sievers moved that the Assembly take note of the Report.

Question put and passed.

9. PAPERS TABLED: REPORT FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Mr Sievers (Chair of the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee) tabled the Committee's Report on the Integrity and Accountability Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 (Serial 86) (Paper 1212) and Minutes of Proceedings (Paper 1213) and made a statement.

Mr Sievers moved that the Assembly take note of the Report.

Question put and passed.

10. PAPERS TABLED: REPORT FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Mr Sievers (Chair of the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee) tabled the Committee's Report on the Care and Protection of Children Amendment Bill 2019 (Serial 82) (Paper 1214) and Minutes of Proceedings (Paper 1215) and made a statement.

Mr Sievers moved that the Assembly take note of the Report.

Question put and passed.

11. PETITION REPORT TABLED: FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Speaker tabled a response from the Social Policy Scrutiny Committee regarding Petition Number 34 (Paper 1216).

12. PETITION REPORT FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Clerk advised receipt of a report from the Social Policy Scrutiny Committee regarding Petition Number 34 (Paper 1216) regarding Proposed New Maningrida Police Station Location recommending the Assembly debate the petition.

Ms Ah Kit moved the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.

13. PETITION REPORT TABLED: FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Speaker tabled a response from the Social Policy Scrutiny Committee regarding Petition Number 35 (Paper 1217).

14. PETITION REPORT FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Clerk advised receipt of a report from the Social Policy Scrutiny Committee regarding Petition Number 35 (Paper 1217) regarding Reforms to Sex Work Laws recommending the Assembly debate the petition.

Ms Ah Kit moved the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.

15. MOTION: EXTENSION OF REPORTING DATE AGREED TO

Ms Ah Kit (Chair Social Policy Scrutiny Committee), by leave, moved that the reporting date for the Environment Protection Bill 2019 (Serial 94) be extended to 17 September 2019.

16. ELECTORAL LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019 (SERIAL 96)

Mr Gunner (Chief Minister), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Electoral Act 2004*, the *Local Government Act 2008* and the *Electoral Regulations 2004* and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1218) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 1219).

Mr Gunner moved that the Bill be read a first time and delivered an explanatory speech.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Gunner moved that the Bill be referred to the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee for report by 17 September 2019.

Question put and passed.

17. APPROPRIATION (2019-2020) BILL 2019 (SERIAL 88)

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Paper Tabled: Mrs Worden (Chair of the Estimates Committee) tabled: 2019 Estimates Committee Report (Paper 1220) and Minutes of Proceedings (Paper 1221) and made a statement.

Mr Higgins, Mr Paech.

Debate suspended.

18. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding the display in the Main Hall commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the opening of Parliament House.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 12.02 and 14.00.

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19. QUESTIONS

14.00 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Students from Nungalinya College accompanied by their lecturer Annette Anderson and Ms Lynne Walker, former member for Nhulunbuy.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

14.04 Mr Sievers to Mr Gunner
14.08 Mrs Worden to Ms Manison
14.11 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.15 Mr Higgins to Ms Moss
14.19 Mr Higgins to Ms Moss – Supplementary (Referred to Ms Fyles)
14.20 Mr Sievers to Ms Fyles
14.24 Mr Wood to Ms Fyles
14.28 Mr Paech to Mr McCarthy
14.31 Mr McConnell to Ms Wakefield
14.35 Ms Ah Kit to Mr Kirby
14.39 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14.43 Mr Costa to Ms Lawler
14.46 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.49 Mr Wood to Ms Wakefield
14.53 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.57 Ms Nelson to Ms Moss

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

Mr Higgins, pursuant to Standing Order 114, asked the Speaker to write to the Chief Minister seeking reason for the delay in responding to written questions.

20. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AGREED TO

Mrs Lambley moved that a leave of absence for today be granted to Mr Mills due to being in West Timor.

Question put and passed.

21. APPROPRIATION (2019-2020) BILL 2019 (SERIAL 88): BILL AGREED TO

Resumption of consideration in detail.

Mr Wood, Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Ah Kit, Ms Manison.

Expenditure proposed in the Appropriation (2019-2020) Bill 2019 agreed to.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

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

22. REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019 (SERIAL 89) AND PROPERTY ACTIVATION BILL 2019 (SERIAL 90): BILL AGREED TO

Ms Manison moved the Bills be read a second time.

Mr Higgins, Mr Wood, Mrs Lambley.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of NT ICPA (Isolated Children's Parents' Association).

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Ms Lawler, Ms Manison.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved the vote on the second reading of the Bills be considered separately.

Question put and passed.

REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Question put and passed.

PROPERTY ACTIVATION BILL 2019

Question, put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 15	**Noes 4**
Ms Ah Kit	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Costa	Mr Higgins
Ms Fyles	Mrs Lambley
Mr Gunner	Mr McConnell
Mr Kirby	
Ms Lawler	
Ms McCarthy	
Ms Manison	
Ms Moss	
Ms Nelson	
Mr Paech	
Mr Sievers	
Ms Uibo	
Ms Wakefield	
Mrs Worden	

Question put and passed.

Bills read a second time.

By leave, on the motion of Ms Manison (Treasurer), the Bills were read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

23. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE, AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

The Assembly deferred consideration of the following reports:

1. Public Accounts Committee Inquiry into Taxi Licensing and Subleasing Report (Paper 554).
2. Auditor-General for the Northern Territory, November 2017, Report to the Legislative Assembly (Paper 580).
3. Auditor-General for the Northern Territory, March 2018, Report to the Legislative Assembly (Paper 677).
4. Auditor-General for the Northern Territory, November 2018, Report to the Legislative Assembly (Paper 1017).
5. Auditor-General for the Northern Territory, March 2019, Report to the Legislative Assembly (Paper 1147).

24. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ms Lawler, Ms Nelson, Ms Purick, Ms Wakefield, Ms Ah Kit, Ms Uibo.

Paper Tabled: Ms Uibo, by leave, tabled: Book Launch, Little Bird's Day, by Johnny Warrkatja, 25 April 2019 (Paper 1227).

Mr Paech, Mr Kirby.

The Assembly adjourned at 17.52 until Tuesday 6 August 2019 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Financial Management Act 1995

Authorisation, Issue of Increased Funds Available from Commonwealth, dated 12 June 2019 (Paper 1222).

Direction, Transfer of Excess Appropriations, dated 12 June 2019 (Paper 1223).

Determination, Proportions of Appropriations to be transferred after Redistribution of Business, dated 12 June 2019 (Paper 1224).

Reports

Office of the Children's Commissioner, Don Dale Youth Detention Centre Monitoring Report, May 2019 (Paper 1225).

Office of the Children's Commissioner, Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre Monitoring Report, May 2019 (Paper 1226).

ATTENDANCE

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

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly