**Northern Territory of Australia**
**Legislative Assembly**

**Minutes of Proceedings**

**Meeting Number 2**
**Wednesday 16 October 2024**

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## 1. MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly met at 10.00 am. The Speaker, the Honourable Robyn Lambley, took the Chair, read the prayer and delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

## 2. VISITOR

On behalf of all members, the Speaker welcomed Samara Laverty present in the gallery.

## 3. MOTION: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Mr Edgington (Leader of Government Business) moved that so much of Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended which would otherwise prevent:

1. The passage of the following through all stages in the October Meetings of the Assembly:
   a. Bail Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 (Serial 4),
   b. Police Administration Amendment Bill 2024 (Serial 5),
   c. Criminal Code Amendment Bill 2024 (Serial 2),
   d. Liquor Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2024 (Serial 3),
   e. Sentencing Amendment Bill 2024 (Serial 1),
2. The introduction of the above bills having precedence over other notices,
3. The debate on the second reading of the Bail Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 (Serial 4) and the Police Administration Amendment Bill 2024 (Serial 5) to be taken cognately and the bills to have precedence over all other business after question time today, with the Speaker to put the question on the second reading of each bill separately at the conclusion of the debate, and
4. Government Business having precedence over General Business Day today.

Ms Uibo, J Davis, K McNamara, Mr Paech, Mr Edgington (in reply).

Question, that the motion be agreed to, put and the Assembly divided:

**Ayes 17**

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| Ms Boothby | Mr Burgoyne | Ms Cahill | Mrs Carlson |
| Mr Charls | Mr Edgington | Mrs Finocchiaro | Mrs Hersey |
| Mr Howe | Mr Kerle | Mr Mackay | Mr Maley |
| Mr O'Gallagher | Mr Patel | Dr Rahman | Mr Yan |
| Mrs Zio | | | |

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| Mr Brown | J Davis | Mr Guyula | K McNamara |
| Mr Paech | Ms Uibo | Mr Young | |

Motion passed.

**4. MOTION: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

J Davis moved that so much of Standing Orders be suspended which would otherwise prevent the referral of the legislation to the Legislative Scrutiny Committee.

Mr Paech, Mr Young, Mr Edgington.

Mr Edgington moved that the question be put.

Question, that the question be put, put and passed.

Question, that the suspension of Standing Orders be agreed to, put and the Assembly divided:

**Ayes 7**

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| Mr Paech | Ms Uibo | Mr Young | |

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| Mr Charls | Mr Edgington | Mrs Finocchiaro | Mrs Hersey |
| Mr Howe | Mr Kerle | Mr Mackay | Mr Maley |
| Mr O'Gallagher | Mr Patel | Dr Rahman | Mr Yan |
| Mrs Zio | | | |

Motion negatived.

**5. BAIL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 4)**

Mrs Finocchiaro (Minister for Police), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bail Act 1982* and the Bail Regulations 1983 and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved that the Bill be now read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 25).

On the motion of Ms Uibo the debate was adjourned.

**6. POLICE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 5)**

Mrs Finocchiaro (Minister for Police), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Police Administration Act 1978* and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved that the Bill be now read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 26).

On the motion of Ms Uibo the debate was adjourned.

**7. CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 2)**

Mr Maley (Minister for Corrections), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Maley moved that the Bill be now read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 27).

On the motion of Mr Paech the debate was adjourned.

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**Visitors**: On behalf of all members, the Speaker welcomed students and teachers from Taminmin College present in the gallery.

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**8. LIQUOR LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 3)**

Mr Edgington (Minister for Alcohol Policy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Liquor Act 2019*, the Liquor Regulations 2019, the *Alcohol Harm Reduction Act 2017* and the Alcohol Harm Reduction Regulations 2017.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Edgington moved that the Bill be now read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 28).

On the motion of Ms Uibo the debate was adjourned.

**9. SENTENCING AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 1)**

Ms Boothby (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sentencing Act 1995.*

Bill read a first time.

Ms Boothby moved that the Bill be now read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 29).

On the motion of Mr Paech the debate was adjourned.

**10. MOTION: APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

Mr Edgington (Leader of Government Business), pursuant to notice, moved:

> That the following committees be appointed and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Standing Orders, each committee will comprise 3 Government, 1 Opposition and 1 crossbench member to be nominated by the relevant whip or crossbench member to the Speaker in writing:
>
> - Standing Orders Committee (its members to comprise the Speaker, 2 Government members, 1 Opposition and 1 crossbench);
> - Committee of Privileges;
> - House Committee (its members to comprise the Speaker, 2 Government members, 1 Opposition and 1 crossbench);
> - Public Accounts Committee;
> - Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee;
> - Standing Committee on the ICAC (with the terms of reference adopted by the 13th Assembly in February 2020 apart from paragraph (4) relating to membership);
> - Legislative Scrutiny Committee.

Ms Uibo.

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**Visitor**: On behalf of all members, the Speaker welcomed Willem Westra van Holthe, former Member for Katherine, present in the gallery.

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J Davis, Mr Paech, Mr Edgington (in reply).

Question put and passed.

**11. MOTION: MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATVIE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Mr Paech sought leave to move a motion without notice to amend the membership composition of the Legislative Scrutiny Committee.

Leave not granted.

**12. BAIL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 4) AND POLICE ADMINSTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 5)**

Order of the day read for the resumption of cognate debate on the question that the Bills be now read a second time.

Mr Maley.

Debate interrupted.

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**Suspension of Meeting**: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 12 noon and 2.00 pm.

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**13. NOTICES**

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Uibo will move on the next General Business Day that this Assembly:
   - Acknowledges the outstanding work done by the private sector in developing a portfolio of projects valued at over $57 billion spanning critical sectors such as minerals and resources digital innovation, renewable energy and agribusiness.
   - Commends the 2024-25 Northern Territory's infrastructure program for its significant contributions to building a better Territory, fostering economic development, and improving the quality of life for all Territorians.
2. Mr Paech will move on the next General Business Day that this Assembly:
   - Recognises the importance of safeguarding the Territory environment for future generations and in support of our Territory lifestyle.
   - Reaffirms support for the critical environmental protections the former Labor Government put in place including a contemporary Environment Protection Act best practice regulation for the environmental impacts of mining, the Climate Change Response: Towards 2050 policy; and The Territory Water Plan.
   - Commits to not undermining, watering down or changing our strong legislative and regulatory regime of environmental protections.

3. Mr Paech will move on the next General Business Day that this Assembly calls on the CLP Government to:
   - Commit to the full implementation of the $4 billion Aboriginal Remote Housing program.
   - Guarantee that the target of a minimum of 2,700 houses built over ten years is met.
   - Commit that no amendments will be made to this agreement without the full support of the Joint Steering Committee of Remote Housing Northern Territory.

**14. QUESTIONS**

2.02 Ms Uibo to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.06 Mr Howe to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.10 Mr Paech to Ms Boothby
2.14 Mrs Zio to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.17 J Davis to Ms Cahill
2.21 Ms Uibo to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.25 Mrs Carlson to Mr Maley
2.29 Mr Paech to Mrs Finocchiaro

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**Visitors**: On behalf of all members, the Speaker welcomed participants in the OCPE Foundations of Public Sector Governance course present in the gallery.

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2.34 Mr O'Gallagher to Mr Edgington
2.38 Mr Guyula to Mrs Hersey
2.43 Mr Mackay to Ms Boothby
2.46 K McNamara to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.52 Mr Patel to Ms Cahill
2.55 Mr Young to Mr Maley
2.59 Mr Kerle to Mr Burgoyne

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

**15. VISITOR**

On behalf of all members, the Speaker welcomed Nathan Finn, President of the Northern Territory Police Association, present in the gallery.

**16. BAIL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 4) AND POLICE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 5)**

Order of the day read for the resumption of cognate debate on the question that the Bills be now read a second time.

Mr Maley (continuation of remarks), Mr Paech, Mr Kerle, K McNamara, Mr Burgoyne, Dr Rahman, Mr Guyula, Mr Howe, Ms Boothby, Mr Edgington.

**Paper Tabled:** Mr Edgington tabled: Erratum - Explanatory Statement, Police Administration Amendment Bill 2024 (Serial 5) (Paper 34).

J Davis, Mrs Zio, Mrs Carlson, Mr Yan, Mr Patel, Mr Charls, Mr O'Gallagher, Mr Mackay, Mrs Hersey, Ms Cahill, Ms Uibo, Mrs Finocchiaro (in reply).

Cognate debate concluded.

Question, that the Bail Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 (Serial 4) be now read a second time, put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 6 stand as printed.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and the Assembly divided:

**Ayes 17**

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| Mr Charls | Mr Edgington | Mrs Finocchiaro | Mrs Hersey |
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| Mr Brown | J Davis | Mr Guyula | K McNamara |
| Mr Paech | Ms Uibo | Mr Young | |

Motion passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question, that the Police Administration Amendment Bill 2024 (Serial 5) be now read a second time, put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mrs Finocchiaro, by leave, moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

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**Answer to question from Question Time**: Mrs Finocchiaro gave an answer to a question asked earlier during question time from J Davis.

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## 17. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Edgington (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly do now adjourn.

Ms Uibo, Mr O'Gallagher, Mr Brown, Mr Paech.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned at 6.51 pm until Thursday 17 October 2024 at 10.00 am.

## DEEMED PAPERS

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

***Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Registration) Act 2024***

Annual Report 2023-2024, *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Registration) Act 2004* (Paper 31)

**Subordinate Legislation**

Subordinate Legislation No. 24 of 2024, Police Administration (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2024 (Paper 30)

Subordinate Legislation No. 26 of 2024, Transport Legislation Amendment Regulations 2024 (Paper 33)

Subordinate Legislation No. 61 of 2024, Rail Safety National Law National Regulations (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SA) (Paper 32)

## ATTENDANCE

All members attended the meeting.



RUSSELL KEITH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly