Northern Territory of Australia
Legislative Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

Meeting Number 38
Thursday 23 October 2025

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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. **MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE**
Pursuant to Standing Order 224, Mr Edgington moved that a leave of absence for today be granted to Dr Rahman due to illness.

Question put and passed.

3. **INTEGRITY AND ETHICS COMMISSIONER BILL 2025 (SERIAL 46)**
Mrs Finocchiaro (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to promote integrity and ethics in the public sector and health sector by establishing the positions of Integrity and Ethics Commissioner and Integrity and Ethics Oversight Inspector and for related purposes, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 450).

Mrs Finocchiaro moved that the Bill be now read a first time and delivered an explanatory speech.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

4. **HOUSING, TRANSPORT AND SURVEILLANCE DEVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POLICE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS) BILL 2025 (SERIAL 44)**
Mrs Finocchiaro (Minister for Police), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Housing Act 1982*, the Housing Regulations 1983, the *Public Transport (Passenger Safety) Act 2008*, the Surveillance Devices Regulations 2008 and for related purposes, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 451).

Mrs Finocchiaro moved that the Bill be now read a first time and delivered an explanatory speech.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Uibo moved that so much of Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended which would prevent moving a motion to:

> Refer the Housing, Transport and Surveillance Devices Legislation Amendment (Police Public Safety Officers) Bill 2025 (Serial 44) to the Legislative Scrutiny Committee.

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

Ayes 6

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

Noes 16

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	Mr Yan	Mrs Zio

Motion negatived.

5. ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND POLICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 (SERIAL 43)

Ms Boothby (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Firearms Act 1997*, the *Information Act 2002*, the *Police Administration Act 1978* and the *Public Trustee Act 1979*, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 452).

Ms Boothby moved that the Bill be now read a first time and delivered an explanatory speech.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

6. MINISTERIAL REPORT: PROGRESS ON THE NORTHERN TERRITORY CRIME REDUCTION STRATEGY 2025

Mrs Finocchiaro (Chief Minister) delivered a report regarding the Progress on the Northern Territory Crime Reduction Strategy 2025 and moved the report be noted.

Ms Uibo.

Paper tabled: Ms Uibo, by leave, tabled: Report, Northern Territory Aboriginal Justice Agreement 2021–2027, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice (Paper 456).

Mr Yan, J Davis, Mrs Zio, Mr O'Gallagher.

Debate interrupted.

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

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7. QUESTIONS

2.00 Ms Uibo to Mr Charls
2.05 Mr Howe to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.09 Mr Paech to Ms Boothby
2.11 Mr Mackay to Mr Maley
2.15 Mr Young to Mr Maley
2.19 Mrs Carlson to Mr Yan

2.23 Mr Paech to Mr Edgington
2.27 Mr Paech to Mr Edgington – Supplementary
2.28 J Davis to Ms Boothby
2.30 Mr Kerle to Ms Boothby
2.34 Mr Patel to Mr Charls
2.37 Mr Young to Mr Charls
2.41 Mr O'Gallagher to Ms Cahill
2.45 Ms Uibo to Mr Charls
2.49 Mr Paech to Ms Boothby
2.53 Mr Mackay to Mr Maley
2.57 Mrs Zio to Mr Edgington

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

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8. MOTION: ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr Edgington (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly now move to Government Business Order of the Day Number 1.

Question put and passed.

9. ELECTRICITY SYSTEM AND MARKET OPERATOR BILL 2025 (SERIAL 35) AND ELECTRICITY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (MARKET REFORM) BILL 2025 (SERIAL 36)

Order of the day read for moving the second reading of the Electricity System and Market Operator Bill 2025 (Serial 35) and the Electricity Legislation Amendment (Market Reform) Bill 2025 (Serial 36).

Mr Maley (Minister for Mining and Energy) obtained leave for the debate on the second reading of the Electricity System and Market Operator Bill 2025 (Serial 35) and the Electricity Legislation Amendment (Market Reform) Bill 2025 (Serial 36) to be taken cognately.

Mr Maley moved that the Electricity System and Market Operator Bill 2025 (Serial 35) and the Electricity Legislation Amendment (Market Reform) Bill 2025 (Serial 36) be now read a second time.

Ms Uibo, Mr Yan, J Davis, Mr Edgington, Mr Patel, Mr Kerle, Mr Howe, Mr Maley (in reply).

Cognate debate concluded.

Question, that the Electricity System and Market Operator Bill 2025 (Serial 35) be now read a second time, put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr Maley, by leave, moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Question, that the Electricity Legislation Amendment (Market Reform) Bill 2025 (Serial 36) be now read a second time, put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr Maley, by leave, moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

10. PAPER TABLED

The Speaker tabled: Quarterly Members' Fuel Transaction Reports, Quarter 2, July to September 2025 (Paper 478).

11. MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: THE GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO MAINTAIN CRITICAL PROTECTION OF SACRED SITES

The Speaker advised the Assembly that Mr Guyula had proposed a Matter of Public Importance in the following terms:

> The Government's failure to maintain critical protection of sacred sites.

Having received the necessary support, discussion ensued.

Mr Burgoyne, Mr Paech, J Davis, Mr Young, Ms Uibo.

Discussion concluded.

12. MOTION: REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

The Speaker advised the Assembly she had received written notification of a matter of privilege from the Member for Goyder and, pursuant to Standing Order 229, determined that the matter should have precedence over other business.

Mr Mackay moved:

> That the Member for Nightcliff be referred to the Committee of Privileges for an investigation into the misuse of electorate office entitlements for the purpose of electioneering as detailed below:
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> - On the 23rd of October 2025, from 5:30pm the NT Greens hosted a "casual info session" and "introduction to the NT Greens" event. This event included discussions on elections, fundraising and "more".
> - The event took place at the Nightcliff Electorate Office, located at Shop 5 Pavonia Place, which is paid for by the NT tax payer.
> - The purpose of this event is alleged to be for driving recruitment for the NT Greens political party.
> - This event breaches clause 11.3 of the Report and Determination No. 3 of 2024 - Entitlements of MLA which states that 'The Member must ensure that the office is not used for commercial or electioneering purposes'.
> - This event also breaches clause 12.5 of the Members Guide and Section 10 of the *Member's Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards Act 2008*.

Paper Tabled: Mr Mackay, by leave, tabled: Images, Introduction to the Top End Greens advertisement (Paper 490).

Question put and passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ms Boothby, Mr O'Gallagher, Mr Charls, Ms Cahill, Mrs Zio, Mr Paech, Mrs Hersey, Mr Young, Mr Mackay, Ms Uibo, Mr Kerle, J Davis.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned at 8.19 pm until Thursday 25 November 2025 at 10.00 am.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Anti-Discrimination Act 1992

Annual Report 2024-2025, Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Commission, *Anti-Discrimination Act 1992* (Paper 507)

Architects Act 1963

Annual Report 2024-2025, Northern Territory Architects Board, *Architects Act 1963* (Paper 501)

Community Justice Centre Act 2005

Annual Report 2024–25, Community Justice Centre, *Community Justice Centre Act 2005* (Paper 473)

Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Act 1990

Annual Report 2024–25, Northern Territory Consumer Affairs, *Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Act 1990* (Paper 480)

Desert Knowledge Australia Act 2003

Annual Report 2024–2025, Desert Knowledge Australia, *Desert Knowledge Australia Act 2003* (Paper 491)

Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1990

Annual Report 2024–25, Director of Public Prosecutions Northern Territory, *Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1990* (Paper 476)

Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Act 2011

Annual Report 2024–25, Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority, *Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Act 2011* (Paper 494)

Errata

Erratum, Explanatory Statement, Local Government Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 20) (refer to Tabled Paper 292, 22 May 2025) (Paper 488)

Erratum, Subordinate Legislation No. 11 of 2025, Racing and Wagering Amendment Regulations 2025 (refer to Tabled Paper 395, 15 October 2025) (Paper 487)

Financial Management Act 1995

Annual Report 2024-25, Treasurer's Annual Financial Report, *Financial Management Act 1995* (Paper 465)

Government Owned Corporations Act 2001

Annual Report 2024–25, Power and Water Corporation, *Government Owned Corporations Act 2001* (Paper 466)

Annual Report 2024–25, Territory Generation, *Government Owned Corporations Act 2001* (Paper 467)

Annual Report 2024–25, Jacana Energy, *Government Owned Corporations Act 2001* (Paper 469)

Annual Report 2024–25, Indigenous Essential Services, *Government Owned Corporations Act 2001* (Paper 470)

Guardianship of Adults Act 2016

Annual Report 2024−25, Northern Territory Public Guardian and Trustee, *Guardianship of Adults Act 2016* (Paper 485)

Heritage Act 2011

Annual Report 2024–25, Heritage Council Northern Territory, *Heritage Act 2011* (Paper 495)

Independent Commissioner against Corruption Act 2017

Annual Report, September 2025, Independent Commissioner Against Corruption, pursuant to section 136 of the *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2017* and evaluation of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption pursuant to section 135 of the Act (Paper 457)

Information Act 2002

Annual Report 2024–25, Information Commissioner Northern Territory, *Information Act 2002* (Paper 477)

Judicial Commission Act 2020

Annual Report 2024–25, Northern Territory Judicial Commission, *Judicial Commission Act 2020* (Paper 482)

Kava Management Act 1998

Annual Report 2024–25, Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations, Kava, *Kava Management Act 1998* (Paper 503)

Land Development Corporation Act 2003

Annual Report 2024–25, Land Development Corporation, *Land Development Corporation Act 2003* (Paper 493)

Liquor Commission Act 2019

Annual Report 2024–25, Northern Territory Liquor Commission, *Liquor Commission Act 2019* (Paper 475)

Mental Health and Related Services Act 1998

Annual Report 2024–25 NT Community Visitor Program, *Mental Health and Related Services Act 1998* (Paper 496)

Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989

Annual Report 2024–25, Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority, *Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989* (Paper 471)

Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Act 2014

Annual Report 2024–25, Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal, *Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Act 2014* (Paper 479)

Ombudsman Act 2009

Annual Report 2024–25, Ombudsman NT, *Ombudsman Act 2009* (Paper 459)

Private Security Act 1995

Annual Report 2024–25, Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations, Private Security, *Private Security Act 1995* (Paper 504)

Professional Standards Act 2004

Annual Report 2024–25, Professional Standards Councils, *Professional Standards Act 2004* (Paper 483)

Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993

Employment Report 2024-2025, Department of the Legislative Assembly (Paper 453)

Annual Report 2024–25, Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 454)

State of Service Report 2024–25, Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment (Paper 458)

Annual Report 2024–25, Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 460)

Annual Report 2024–25, Northern Territory Police Force, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 461)

Annual Report 2024–25, NT Fire and Emergency Services, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 462)

Annual Report 2024–25, Department of Mining and Energy, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 463)
Annual Report 2024–25, Department of Treasury and Finance, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 464)
Annual Report 2024–25, Attorney-General's Department, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 472)
Annual Report 2024–25, Department of Tourism and Hospitality, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 486)
Annual Report 2024–25, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 489)
Annual Report 2024–25, NT Health, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 492)
Annual Report 2024–25, Department of Lands, Planning and Environment, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 499)
Annual Report 2024–25, Department of Corporate and Digital Development, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 497)
Annual Report 2024–25, Department of Education and Training, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 498)
Annual Report 2024–25, Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 502)
Annual Report 2024–25, Department of Children and Families, *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993* (Paper 506)

Public Trustee Act 1979

Annual Report 2024–25, Public Trustee for the Northern Territory, *Public Trustee Act 1979* (Paper 484)

Return to Work Act 1986

Annual Report 2024–25, Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Advisory Council, *Return to Work Act 1986* (Paper 474)

Subordinate Legislation

Subordinate Legislation No.12 of 2025, Architects Regulations 2025 (Paper 500)

Territory Coordinator Act 2025

Annual Report 2024–25, Territory Coordinator, *Territory Coordinator Act 2025* (Paper 455)

Tobacco Control Act 2002

Annual Report 2024–25, Department of Trade, Business and Asian Relations, Tobacco Control, *Tobacco Control Act 2002* (Paper 505)

Utilities Commission Act 2000

Annual Report 2024–25, Utilities Commission of the Northern Territory, *Utilities Commission Act 2000* (Paper 468)

Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011

Annual Report 2024–25, Work Health and Safety Advisory Council, *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011* (Paper 481)

ATTENDANCE

All members attended the meeting, except Dr Rahman on leave; and Mr Brown.



RUSSELL KEITH

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly