NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 19
Thursday 6 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 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 Year 6 students from Alawa Primary School, accompanied by their teachers.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

5. MOTION: ESTIMATES COMMITTEE 2021 AGREED TO

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business), pursuant to notice, moved:

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.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Lambley.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5 and 6 students from Berry Springs Primary School, accompanied by their teachers.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Mr Maley.

Ms Fyles moved that the question be put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 12	**Noes 9**
Mr Bowden	Ms Boothby
Mr Costa	Mr Edgington
Mr Gunner	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Kirby	Mrs Hersey
Ms Lawler	Mrs Lambley
Mrs Manison	Mr Maley
Mr Monaghan	Ms Purick
Ms Moss	Mr Sloan
Mr Paech	Mr Yan
Mr Turner	

Ms Uibo
Mrs Worden

Pairs: Ms Fyles and Mr Burgoyne.

Motion agreed to.

On the question that the motion be agreed to.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 13	**Noes 9**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Edgington
Mr Costa	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Gunner	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.

6. HEALTH LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 25)

Ms Fyles (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Notifiable Diseases Act 1981* and the *Transplantation and Anatomy Act 1979*.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles (Minister for Health) moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a Second Reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 247).

Mr Yan moved that the debate be adjourned.

7. HEALTH SERVICE BILL 2021 (SERIAL 18)

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

Mr Yan, Mrs Lambley, Mr Paech.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.57 and 14.00.

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8. MOTION BY LEAVE

Mrs Finocchiaro (Leader of the Opposition) sought leave to move a motion without notice.

Leave not granted.

9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS – PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE

Mrs Finocchiaro moved the suspension of so much of standing and sessional orders which would prevent the following motion being moved:

That the Privileges Committee provide a public statement today detailing:

- How many meetings it has had to date;
- What evidence it has considered to date;
- What evidence it has decided not to consider; and
- Why it failed to complete its report by 6 May as required.

Further, the public statement provide a timeline of committee work, including but not limited to:

- The number of meetings, interviews, written and oral evidence and hearings it will undertake between now and 2022; and
- Set out processes that will be undertaken by the committee by 2022.

Question put.

Motion not agreed to.

10. NOTICES

The following notice was given:

Mr Maley (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business Day:

That the Privileges Committee provide a public statement today detailing:

- How many meetings it has had to date;
- What evidence it has considered to date;
- What evidence it has decided not to consider; and
- Why it failed to complete its report by 6 May as required.

Further, the public statement provide a timeline of committee work, including but not limited to:

- The number of meetings, interviews, written and oral evidence and hearings it will undertake between now and 2022; and
- Set out processes that will be undertaken by the committee by 2022.

11. QUESTIONS

14.04 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mrs Manison
14.07 Mr Bowden to Mr Gunner
14.14 Mr Maley to Mrs Manison
14.18 Mr Costa to Ms Lawler
14.22 Ms Boothby to Mrs Manison
14.25 Ms Boothby to Mrs Manison – Supplementary
14.29 Mr Monaghan to Ms Moss
14.32 Mr Yan to Mrs Manison
14.35 Mr Bowden to Ms Uibo
14.39 Mrs Hersey to Mrs Manison
14.43 Mr Costa to Mr Paech
14.50 Ms Purick to Mrs Manison

14.54 Mr Edgington to Mrs Manison
14.58 Mr Guyula to Ms Lawler

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

12. PERSONAL EXPLANATION: MRS FINOCCHIARO

Pursuant to Standing Order 26, having obtained leave from the Chair, Mrs Finocchiaro explained matters of a personal nature.

13. PAPER TABLED: REMOTE INDIGENOUS HOUSING CAPITAL WORKS

Mr Gunner (Chief Minister) tabled: Tables No. 3 and No. 4, Remote Indigenous Housing Capital Works from 1 July 2014 to 29 February 2016 (Paper 248) and made a statement.

14. HEALTH SERVICE BILL 2021 (SERIAL 18): BILL AGREED TO

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

Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved to consider the Bill in detail.

Clause 1 considered.

Clause 1 stands as printed.

Clause 2 considered.

Clause 2 stands as printed.

Clause 3 considered.

Clause 3 stands as printed.

Clause 4 considered.

Clause 4 stands as printed.

Clauses 5 and 6 considered together.

Clauses 5 and 6 stand as printed.

Clause 7 considered.

Clause 7 stands as printed.

Clauses 8 and 9 considered together.

Clauses 8 and 9 stand as printed.

Clause 10 considered.

Clause 10 stands as printed.

Clause 11 considered.

Clause 11 stands as printed.

Clause 12 considered.

Clause 12 stands as printed.

Clause 13 considered.

Clause 13 stands as printed.

Clause 14 considered.

Clause 14 stands as printed.

Clause 15 considered.

Clause 15 stands as printed.

Clause 16 considered.

Clause 16 stands as printed.

Clauses 17 to 19 considered together.

Clauses 17 to 19 stand as printed.

Clause 20 considered.

Clause 20 stands as printed.

Clause 21 considered.

Clause 21 stands as printed.

Clause 22 considered.

Clause 22 stands as printed.

Clause 23 considered.

Clause 23 stands as printed.

Clause 24 considered.

Clause 24 stands as printed.

Clauses 25 to 29 considered together.

Clauses 25 to 29 stand as printed.

Clause 30 considered.

Clause 30 stands as printed.

Clause 31 considered.

Clause 31 stands as printed.

Clauses 32 and 33 considered together.

Clauses 32 and 33 stand as printed.

Clause 34 considered.

Clause 34 stands as printed.

Clauses 35 to 41 considered together.

Clauses 35 to 41 stand as printed.

Clause 42 considered.

Clause 42 stands as printed.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

On the question that the Bill be agreed to.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 13	**Noes 9**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Edgington

Mr Costa	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Gunner	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.

Bill agreed to.

Ms Fyles moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 13	**Noes 9**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Edgington
Mr Costa	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Gunner	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.

Bill read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

15. MINERAL ROYALTY AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 14): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mr Edgington, Ms Purick, Mr Gunner.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved to consider the Bill in detail.

Clause 1 considered.

Clause 1 stands as printed.

Clause 2 considered.

Clause 2 stands as printed.

Clause 3 considered.

Clause 3 stands as printed.

Clause 4 considered.

Clause 4 stands as printed.

Clause 5 considered.

Clause 5 stands as printed.

Clause 6 considered.

Clause 6 stands as printed.

Clause 7 considered.

Clause 7 stands as printed.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

On the question that the Bill be agreed to.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 13	**Noes 9**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Edgington
Mr Costa	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Gunner	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.

Bill agreed to.

Mr Gunner moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 13	**Noes 9**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Edgington
Mr Costa	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Gunner	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.

Bill read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

16. PERSONAL EXPLANATION: MRS FINOCCHIARO

Pursuant to Standing Order 26, having obtained leave from the Chair, Mrs Finocchiaro explained matters of a personal nature.

17. 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, Mr Maley, Mr Guyula, Mr Bowden, Ms Boothby, Mrs Worden, Mrs Hersey, Mr Edgington, Mr Yan, Mr Sloan, Mr Costa, Mr Gunner.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Pursuant to motion, the Bills stand referred to the Estimates Committee.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Paech (Minister for Local Government) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Mr Monaghan, Mr Paech.

The Assembly adjourned at 10.28 until Tuesday, 11 May 2021 at 10.00.

ATTENDANCE

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

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly