NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 87
Wednesday 30 August 2023

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Mark Monaghan, presided.

2. PRAYERS

Mr Bowden read the prayer.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

On behalf of the Assembly, the Speaker wished Mr Edgington a happy birthday.

5. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Pursuant to Standing Order 224, Mr Turner moved that a leave of absence for the October sittings be granted to him to attend the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Advanced Parliamentary Development Residency Programme in Scotland.

Question put and passed.

4. EDUCATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023 (SERIAL 100)

Ms Lawler (Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Education Act 2015* and the Education Regulations 2015.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Lawler moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 923).

Mrs Hersey moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

6. MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT: BETTER HOUSING OUTCOMES FOR TERRITORIANS

Ms Fyles (Chief Minister) made a statement regarding Better Housing Outcomes for Territorians.

Ms Fyles moved that the Assembly take note of the statement.

Mr Edgington, Mrs Manison, Mrs Lambley.

Visitors: On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed Year 5 and 6 students and teachers from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, and the On Course Travel Seniors Tour Group present in the gallery.

Ms Lawler.

Debate suspended.

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

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7. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Fyles (Chief Minister) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Amendment Bill 2023 (Serial 103)
2. Mrs Manison (on behalf of Ms Uibo, Minister for Essential Services) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Electricity Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 (Serial 102)
3. Mr Paech (Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Architects Amendment Bill 2023 (Serial 101).

8. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mr Paech (Leader of Government Business) informed the Assembly that all matters standing in the name of the Minister for Housing and Homelands dealt with in the Assembly in Ms Uibo's absence will be managed by Ms Ah Kit; Minister for Renewables and Energy by Ms Lawler; Minister for Essential Services by Mrs Manison; and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs by Mr Paech.

9. QUESTIONS

14.01 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.05 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles – Supplementary
14.06 Mr Young to Ms Fyles
14.10 Mr Maley to Ms Fyles
14.13 Mr Potter to Mrs Manison
14.17 Mr Yan to Ms Fyles
14.20 Mr Brown to Ms Lawler
14.24 Ms Boothby to Ms Fyles
14.28 Mr Brown to Mr Paech
14.32 Mr Edgington to Ms Fyles
14.36 Mrs Hersey to Ms Fyles
14.40 Mr Bowden to Ms Moss
14.43 Mr Bowden to Ms Ah Kit
14.47 Mr Turner to Ms Fyles
14.51 Mr Young to Mrs Worden
14.55 Mr Burgoyne to Ms Fyles
14.58 Mr Potter to Mr Kirby

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

10. BAIL FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2023 (SERIAL 91)

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

Mr Paech, Mr Maley, Mr Guyula, Mrs Worden, Mr Edgington, Mrs Lambley, Mrs Manison, Mrs Hersey, Mr Burgoyne, Mr Yan, Mrs Finocchiaro (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered 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.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved the following amendment:

Clause 4

omit

7A(e)

insert

7A(1)(e)

Question put and passed.

Amendment agreed to.

The Assembly agreed, by leave, to extend debate on the Bail Further Amendment Bill 2023 (Serial 91) beyond the time allocated for General Business until the Bill was dealt with.

Clause 4 stands as amended.

Clause 5 considered.

Clause 5 stands as printed.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

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

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 9	**Noes 14**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Bowden
Mr Edgington	Mr Brown
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Fyles

Mrs Hersey	Mr Guyula
Mr Maley	Mr Kirby
Ms Purick	Ms Lawler
Mr Turner	Mrs Manison
Mr Yan	Mr Monaghan
	Ms Moss
	Mr Paech
	Mr Potter
	Mrs Worden
	Mr Young

Motion not agreed to.

Bill defeated.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Paech (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Question put and passed.

Visitors: On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the friends and family of Heather Brigden present in the gallery.

Ms Fyles, Ms Lawler, Mr Monaghan, Mr Bowden, Mr Paech, Ms Ah Kit.

The Assembly adjourned at 20.14 until Thursday 31 August 2023 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Report 2022
Parole Board of the Northern Territory (Paper 926)

Ombudsman Act 2009
Ombudsman NT, Investigation Report, Extraordinary Restraint: Spit Hood & Emergency Restraint Chair Use on Children in Police Custody, June 2023 (Paper 924)

Subordinate Legislation
Education and Care Services National Further Amendment Regulations 2023 (Paper 925)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Ms Uibo on leave.

Mr Burgoyne attended via videoconference.

MATHEW BATES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly