NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 42
Tuesday 29 March 2022

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1. **MEETING**
The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Ngaree Ah Kit, presided.

2. **PRAYERS**

3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**
Mr Burgoyne delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. **SPEAKER'S STATEMENT**
The Speaker made a statement regarding air conditioning in Parliament House and Chamber clocks.

5. **VISITORS**
The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5 students from Bees Creek School, accompanied by their teacher.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

6. **ELECTRICAL SAFETY BILL 2021 (SERIAL 38)**
Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr Edgington, Ms Fyles, Ms Lawler, Mr Kirby.

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Mr Burgoyne, Ms Purick, Mr Paech, Mr Monaghan.

Debate suspended.

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

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7. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding Chamber clocks.

8. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mrs Finocchiaro (Leader of the Opposition) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Sentencing Amendment Bill 2022 (Serial 39).
2. Mrs Lambley will move on the next General Business Day that the NT Government recognise the 'Crime Crisis' in Central Australia and act accordingly.

9. QUESTIONS

14.02 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.07 Mr Monaghan to Mr Gunner
14.11 Mr Maley to Mr Gunner
14.16 Mr Monaghan to Ms Fyles
14.22 Mr Edgington to Mr Gunner
14.24 Mr Costa to Mrs Manison
14.28 Mr Burgoyne to Mr Gunner
14.31 Mr Bowden to Ms Lawler
14.34 Ms Boothby to Mr Gunner
14.38 Mr Monaghan to Ms Moss
14.42 Ms Purick to Mr Gunner
14.44 Mr Yan to Mr Gunner
14.45 Mr Costa to Ms Uibo
14.49 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner

Motion: Censure Not Accepted by Government: Mrs Finocchiaro (Leader of the Opposition) moved: That this Assembly censures the Chief Minister for his blatant lack of transparency and leadership in connection to the serious allegations of political interference and the speed of the decision to charge Constable Rolfe with murder on 13 November 2019.

Pursuant to Standing Order 67, the Government did not accept the motion.

14.50 Mr Bowden to Mr Kirby
14.54 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner

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

10. ELECTRICAL SAFETY BILL 2021 (SERIAL 38): BILL AGREED TO

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

Ms Uibo.

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.

Clauses 3 and 4 considered.

Clauses 3 and 4 stand as printed.

Clause 5 considered.

Clause 5 stands as printed.

Clause 6 considered.

Ms Uibo moved the following amendment:

After clause 6(1)(a)

insert

(ab) is used or operated at extra-low voltage, but is configured in an electrical installation for controlling, generating, supplying, transforming or transmitting electricity at a voltage greater than extra-low voltage; or

Question put and passed.

Amendment agreed to.

New clause 6(1)(ab) inserted.

Clauses 7 to 13 considered.

Clauses 7 to 13 stand as printed.

Clause 14 considered.

Clause 14 stands as printed.

Clauses 15 to 30 considered.

Clauses 15 to 30 stand as printed.

Clause 31 considered.

Clause 31 stands as printed.

Clauses 32 to 35 considered.

Clauses 32 to 35 stand as printed.

Clause 36 considered.

Clause 36 stands as printed.

Clause 37 considered.

Clause 37 stands as printed.

Clause 38 considered.

Clause 38 stands as printed.

Clauses 39 and 40 considered.

Clauses 39 and 40 stand as printed.

Clause 41 considered.

Clause 41 stands as printed.

Clause 42 considered.

Clause 42 stands as printed.

Clauses 43 to 46 considered.

Clauses 43 to 46 stand as printed.

Clause 47 considered.

Clause 47 stands as printed.

Clause 48 considered.

Clause 48 stands as printed.

Clauses 49 to 55 considered.

Clauses 49 to 55 stand as printed.

Clause 56 considered.

Clause 56 stands as printed.

Clauses 57 and 58 considered.

Clauses 57 and 58 stand as printed.

Clause 59 considered.

Clause 59 stands as printed.

Clauses 60 to 75 considered.

Clauses 60 to 75 stand as printed.

Clause 76 considered.

Clause 76 stands as printed.

Clauses 77 to 82 considered.

Clauses 77 to 82 stand as printed.

Clause 83 considered.

Clause 83 stands as printed.

Clause 84 considered.

Clause 84 stands as printed.

Clause 85 considered.

Clause 85 stands as printed.

Clause 86 considered.

Clause 86 stands as printed.

Clauses 87 and 88 considered.

Clauses 87 and 88 stand as printed.

Clause 89 considered.

Clause 89 stands as printed.

Clause 90 considered.

Clause 90 stands as printed.

Clause 91 considered.

Clause 91 stands as printed.

Clauses 92 to 94 considered.

Clauses 92 to 94 stand as printed.

Clauses 95 considered.

Clauses 95 stands as printed.

Clauses 96 to 101 considered.

Clauses 96 to 101 stand as printed.

Clause 102 considered.

Clause 102 stands as printed.

Clause 103 considered.

Clause 103 stands as printed.

Clause 104 considered.

Ms Uibo moved the following amendment:

Clause 104(1)(b)(i) and (ii), before "workers"

insert

electrical

Question put and passed.

Amendment agreed to.

Mr Edgington moved the following amendment:

Clause 104(2)

omit, insert

(2) When appointing the members referred to in subsection (1)(b), the Minister must:

(a) consider each person's practical experience and competence in relation to electrical safety; and

(b) for the members referred to in subsection (1)(b)(i), (ii), (iv) and (vi) – ensure they have at least 5 years demonstrated relevant experience.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 8	**Noes 14**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Bowden
Mr Edgington	Mr Costa
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Fyles
Mrs Hersey	Mr Gunner
Mr Maley	Mr Kirby
Ms Purick	Ms Lawler
Mr Yan	Mrs Manison
	Mr Monaghan
	Ms Moss
	Mr Paech
	Mr Turner
	Ms Uibo
	Mrs Worden

Amendment not agreed to.

Clause 104 as amended stands.

Clauses 105 to 108 considered.

Clauses 105 to 108 stand as printed.

Clause 109 considered.

Ms Uibo moved the following amendments:

Clause 109(3)

omit, insert

(3) The Discipline Committee consists of:

(a) the chairperson of the Discipline Committee; and

(b) the member of the Board appointed by the Minister to represent employers of electrical workers; and

(c) the member of the Board appointed by the Minister to represent electrical workers; and

(d) one other member of the Board, selected by the Board from time to time.

Clause 109(4)

omit

Clause 109(5)

omit

all

Question put and passed.

Amendments agreed to.

Clause 109 as amended stands.

Clauses 110 to 164 considered

Clauses 110 to 164 stand as printed.

Clause 165 considered.

Clause 165 stands as printed.

Clause 166 considered.

Clause 166 stands as printed.

Clauses 167 to 220 considered.

Clauses 167 to 220 stand as printed.

Clause 221 considered.

Clause 221 stands as printed.

Clause 222 considered.

Ms Uibo moved the following amendment:

Part 9, Division 1, heading

omit

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insert

matters

Question put and passed.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 222 as amended stands.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Ms Uibo (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

11. MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT: COVID-19

Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly take note of the statement.

Mrs Mansion.

Ms Fyles moved the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

12. PAPERS TABLED

The Speaker tabled:

1. Northern Territory Auditor-General's Report to the Legislative Assembly, March 2022 (Paper 518)
2. Statement of Registrable Interests, as at March 2022 (Paper 519)

13. RESPONSE TO PETITION

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 123, tabled a response to Petition Number 12, requesting compulsory consent education in public schools for high school students (Paper 517).

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Question put and passed.

Ms Moss, Mrs Worden, Mrs Manison, Ms Lawler, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Bowden, Mr Paech, Mr Monaghan, Ms Uibo, Ms Ah Kit.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.53 until Wednesday 30 March 2022 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPER

Pursuant to Standing Order 239 the following paper was deemed tabled:

Subordinate Legislation 2022

No. 3 of 2022, Northern Territory Rates Amendment Regulations 2022 (Paper 516)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MARIANNE CONATY

Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly