NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 8
Wednesday 23 November 2016

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick, presided.

2. PRAYERS

3. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AGREED TO

Ms Fyles moved that a leave of absence for 23 November 2016 be granted to Ms Nelson due to personal reasons.

Motion agreed to.

4. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of two Year 3/4 classes from Rosebery Primary School accompanied by their teachers, Carli Carey and Amy Abbott.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

5. STAMP DUTY AMENDMENT BILL 2016 (SERIAL 1): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mr Higgins, Mr Wood, Ms Lawler, Ms Wakefield, Mr Sievers, Ms Ah Kit, Mrs Worden.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of two Year 5 classes from Bakewell Primary School accompanied by their teachers, Brianna Grazioli, Sandra Holland, Kimberley Drew and Amanda Sullivan.

The Speaker further advised of the presence of Mr Ken Simpson, a former Commissioner of Public Employment.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Mr McCarthy, Ms Moss, Ms Manison.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On the motion of Ms Manison (Treasurer), by leave, the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.55 and 14.00.

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6. QUESTIONS

13:59 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner

Paper Tabled: Mrs Finocchiaro, by leave, tabled The Berrimah Line is Back – NT Labor Govt Infrastructure Announcement (Paper 138).

14:03 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison
14:07 Mr Guyula to Mr Gunner
14:11 Mrs Lambley to Ms Manison
14:15 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr McCarthy
14:15 Mr Higgins to Mr Vowles
14:16 Mr Mills to Ms Lawler
14:19 Mr Mills to Ms Lawler – Supplementary
14:20 Mr Wood to Ms Manison
14:23 Mrs Lambley to Ms Moss
14:27 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Vowles
14:29 Mr Mills to Mr Gunner
14:32 Mr Higgins to Ms Moss
14:35 Mr Wood to Mr Vowles

Paper Tabled: Mr Vowles (Minister for Primary Industry and Resources) tabled What's a PIC and do you need one? (Paper 139).

14:39 Mr Higgins to Mr McCarthy
14:43 Mr Guyula to Mr Gunner
14:46 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Moss
14:49 Mrs Lambley to Ms Fyles
14:53 Mr Higgins to Ms Moss
14:56 Mr Mills to Ms Lawler

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

7. MOTION: ALCOHOL REDUCTION MEASURES NOT AGREED TO

Mrs Finocchiaro (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved:

- that this Assembly recognises that the abuse of alcohol is at the centre of the most devastating social issues in our community including domestic violence; child neglect; violent crime and anti-social behaviour;
- works together co-operatively and in partnership with the community to tackle this critical issue through policies, laws and other measures to the benefit of all Territorians; and
- calls on the Territory Government:
    - to set politics aside and not discard current measures where they are having a positive impact; and
    - to work with the Parliament as a whole to develop real and lasting solutions to this entrenched social problem.

- requests that the Territory Government reports to this Parliament every 6 months regarding the effectiveness of alcohol abuse reduction measures including as a minimum with regard to:
  - sale of alcohol;
  - domestic violence;
  - child neglect;
  - violent crime; and
  - anti-social behaviour.

Mr Wood, Ms Fyles, Mr Higgins, Mrs Finocchiaro.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 6	**Noes 16**
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Guyula	Mr Collins
Mr Higgins	Mr Costa
Mrs Lambley	Ms Fyles
Mr Mills	Mr Gunner
Mr Wood	Mr Kirby
	Ms Lawler
	Mr McCarthy
	Mr McConnell
	Ms Manison
	Ms Moss
	Mr Paech
	Mr Sievers
	Ms Uibo
	Mr Vowles
	Ms Wakefield

Motion not agreed to.

8. MOTION: TACKLING THE HOUSING DEFICIT IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES NOT AGREED TO

Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved:

That this Assembly calls on the Territory Government to detail its implementation plan for Tackling the Housing Deficit in Remote Communities including:

- how shires, regional authorities and housing organisations will make decisions about what to build, where to build, how to build and who will build;
- how many new houses will be constructed, when they will be constructed and where they will be constructed next year and over the next 10 years;
- how many new bedrooms will be constructed, when will they be constructed and where they will be constructed next year and over the next 10 years;
- how many local remote employees will be eligible for Government Employee Housing, what Departments do they work for and in what communities they reside;
- how many new houses will be constructed for local Government employees next year and over the next 10 years; and
- how tenancy management will be devolved to local communities.

Mr McCarthy.

Paper Tabled: Mr McCarthy, by leave, tabled Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy (Paper 144).

Mr Wood, Mr Higgins.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

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Mr Guyula	Mr Collins
Mr Higgins	Mr Costa
Mrs Lambley	Ms Fyles
Mr Mills	Mr Gunner
Mr Wood	Mr Kirby
	Ms Lawler
	Mr McCarthy
	Mr McConnell
	Ms Manison
	Ms Moss
	Mr Paech
	Mr Sievers
	Ms Uibo
	Mr Vowles
	Ms Wakefield
	Mrs Worden

Motion not agreed to.

9. MOTION: LOCAL BUSINESS AND JOBS CREATION

Mrs Finocchiaro (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved that this Assembly calls on the Territory Government to take seriously the importance of local businesses for the creation of jobs in the Northern Territory.

Mr Gunner, Mr Wood, Mr Mills.

Debate suspended.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ms Wakefield, Ms Lawler, Mr McCarthy, Mr Guyula, Mr Sievers, Ms Ah Kit.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.39 until Thursday 24 November 2016 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Reports 2015-2016:

Northern Territory Child Deaths Review and Prevention Committee (Paper 140).
Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal (Paper 141).
Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (Paper 142).
Office of the Children's Commissioner Northern Territory (Paper 143).

ATTENDANCE
All Members attended the meeting, except Ms Nelson on leave.



MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly