NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 51
Wednesday 21 March 2018

1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. ACKNOWLEGDEMENT OF COUNTRY

Ms Fyles 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 Larrakeyah Primary School accompanied by their teachers.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

5. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding Harmony Day.

6. LIQUOR AMENDMENT (POINT OF SALE INTERVENTION) BILL 2018 (SERIAL 47)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Liquor Act* and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 681) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 682).

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

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles moved that the second reading of the Bill be made an order of the day for the first Assembly meeting after 30 days have elapsed.

Mr Wood, Mr Gunner, Mrs Lambley, Ms Wakefield, Mr Higgins, Ms Ah Kit.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 6 students from Larrakeyah Primary School accompanied by their teachers.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Mr Sievers.

Question put and passed.

7. STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2018 (SERIAL 46)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make miscellaneous minor amendments to various laws and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 683) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 684).

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

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles moved that the second reading of the Bill be made an order of the day for the first Assembly meeting after 30 days have elapsed.

Mr Wood.

Question put and passed.

8. EXPUNGEMENT OF HISTORICAL HOMOSEXUAL OFFENCE RECORDS BILL 2018 (SERIAL 45)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish a scheme to expunge historical homosexual offences from criminal records, and for related purposes and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 685) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 686).

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

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles moved that the second reading of the Bill be made an order of the day for the first Assembly meeting after 30 days have elapsed.

Question put and passed.

9. YOUTH JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018 (SERIAL 48)

Ms Wakefield (Minister for Territory Families), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Youth Justice Act* and *Youth Justice Regulations*, and for related purposes, and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 687) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 688).

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

Bill read a first time.

Ms Wakefield moved that the second reading of the Bill be made an order of the day for the first Assembly meeting after 30 days have elapsed.

Question put and passed.

10. CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (INTIMATE IMAGES) BILL 2017 (SERIAL 38)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) moved the Bill be read a second time.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Manison.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5 students from Rosebery Primary School accompanied by their teachers.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Debate suspended.

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

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11. QUESTIONS

14.00 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.03 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison

Visitor: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Mr Wayne Kraft, Chair of the Heritage Council of the Northern Territory.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitor.

14.07 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.08 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Manison
14.11 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.15 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison
14.19 Mr Guyula to Mr Gunner
14.21 Mr Guyula to Ms Lawler
14.25 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14.29 Mrs Lambley to Ms Moss
14.32 Mr Mills to Ms Lawler
14.36 Mr Mills to Ms Moss
14.38 Mr Wood to Ms Manison
14.42 Mr Wood to Mr McCarthy
14.46 Mr Higgins to Ms Moss
14.49 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.52 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.53 Mr Guyula to Mr Gunner
14.56 Mr Wood to Ms Manison

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

Ms Fyles, pursuant to Standing Order 115, gave an answer to a question asked earlier during question time by Mrs Finocchiaro.

Ms Moss, pursuant to Standing Order 115, gave an answer to a question asked earlier during question time by Mr Mills.

12. MOTION: ONSHORE GAS NOT AGREED TO

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

That this Assembly:

- recognises the tremendous potential of a well-regulated onshore shale gas industry to create significant wealth and ongoing, long term jobs in the Northern Territory; and

- implores the Government to make an immediate decision on the lifting of its moratorium on onshore gas development in order to give the industry certainty and to unlock this tremendous potential.

Ms Manison, Mr Wood, Mr Mills, Mrs Finocchiaro.

Paper Tabled: Mrs Finocchiaro by leave, tabled Our Economic Future, Increasing private sector investment to grow Territory jobs – Northern Territory Economic Development Framework (Paper 689).

Mr Higgins.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 4	**Noes 18**
Mrs Finocchiaro	Mr Collins
Mr Higgins	Mr Costa
Mr Mills	Ms Fyles
Mr Wood	Mr Gunner
	Mr Guyula
	Mr Kirby
	Ms Lawler
	Ms Manison
	Mr McCarthy
	Mr McConnell
	Ms Moss
	Ms Nelson
	Mr Paech
	Mr Sievers
	Ms Uibo
	Mr Vowles
	Ms Wakefield
	Mrs Worden

Motion not agreed to.

13. **MOTION: GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES AGREED TO**

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

That this Assembly recognise that the safety of Territorians should be the Government's highest priority and leadership and attention to the needs of Territorians are essential, particularly in times of emergency and crisis.

Ms Fyles.

Visitors: The Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of delegates from Indonesia and former Member of the Legislative Assembly Mr Rick Setter.

On behalf of all Members the Deputy Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Higgins.

Question put and passed.

14. MOTION: AN OFFROAD PARK FOR ATVS AND QUAD BIKES NOT AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the motion that:

This Assembly calls on the Territory Government to set up a task force from Motorsport Northern Territory, and the departments responsible for Crown lands, the department responsible for sport and recreation, the police department, and any other departments that may have an interest, to look at establishing an off road park in the greater Darwin region so that the owners of ATVs and quad bikes can enjoy the use of their vehicles in a safe and accessible environment. The task force could also look at the facility for competition to attract both local and interstate riders. The possibility of a recreational licence for bikes should also be included in discussions.

Mr Higgins, Mr Wood.

Question put and not agreed to.

15. MOTION: NT HORTICULTURE AND HOSPITALITY INDUSTRIES AS AMENDED AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the motion and proposed amendment:

That this Assembly calls upon the Northern Territory Government to recognise the importance of the NT horticulture and hospitality industries and their contribution as important economic growth drivers in the north and to work with the local horticulture and hospitality sector and other stakeholders; including the Commonwealth Government to develop new models to address a labour shortfall at these critical times by developing improved models to access the labour markets of ASEAN.

And amendment moved by Mr Vowles:

Remove all words after 'that' and replace with:

- this Assembly calls upon the Northern Territory Government to recognise the importance of the NT horticulture and hospitality industries and their contribution as important economic growth drivers in the north; and
- to, as a continuing priority, work with the local horticulture and hospitality sectors and other stakeholders; including the commonwealth government to address labour shortfalls in the first instance, developing strategies to employ Territorians in jobs that are available in these industries and in the second instance, developing strategies to attract staff from outside of the Territory where Territorians are not able to fill available jobs.

Mr McCarthy, Mr Mills.

Amendment moved by Mr Vowles put and passed.

Question that the motion as amended be agreed to put and passed.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mrs Finocchiaro.

Visitors: The Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Andre and Linda Ouwerkerk, Ivan and Ouwerkerk, Vanessa McBride and Brendon May, Frank and Libby (Elizabeth) Gustafson, Dick and Sheena Sindholt, Jason and Naomi Bryant, Cheryl Mallett, Thanh Thai.

On behalf of all Members the Deputy Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Mr Higgins, Mr Vowles, Ms Moss, Ms Wakefield.

Paper Tabled: Ms Wakefield, by leave, tabled Big Bash Cricket, Alice Springs list of names (Paper 690).

Mr Sievers, Ms Uibo, Ms Nelson, Mrs Worden, Mr Paech, Ms Manison.

The Assembly adjourned at 20.20 until Thursday 22 March 2018 at 10.00.

ATTENDANCE
All Members attended the meeting.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly