NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 12
Wednesday 24 February 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 Gunner 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 Anula Primary School accompanied by their teachers Mrs Chantelle Scott and Mr Josh Danvers.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

5. MOTION: REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

Ms Boothby, pursuant to Standing Order 229, moved:

That the Assembly refers the following matter to the Committee for Privileges for inquiry and report to the Legislative Assembly by no later than 6 May 2021 pursuant to Standing Order 229, I hereby move that a matter of privilege be for contempt of the Legislative Assembly based upon the following allegations:

1. The Member for Blain made an oral statement to the Legislative Assembly on the evening of Wednesday, 17 February 2021;
2. That statement was materially misleading when the Member for Blain stated that he does "not condone illegal activity", when text messages released publicly show that he did condone such activity;
3. That statement was materially misleading the nature of the Member for Blain's relationship with the private citizen in question, stating only that "we exchanged general conversation, banter, jokes and some intimate conversation", but failing to disclose a physical relationship, which has since been reported widely in the news media; and
4. Stating that he had "the Chief Minister's support in making this statement", when the Chief Minister himself said that he did not have his support for altered statement that was delivered on the evening of 17 February 2021.

Ms Fyles moved the suspension of so much of Standing and Sessional Orders which would prevent the adjournment of the motion until a later stage of this day's Meeting.

Mrs Finocchiaro.

Ms Fyles moved that the question be now be put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 13	**Noes 10**
Mr Bowden	Ms Boothby
Mr Costa	Mr Burgoyne
Ms Fyles	Mr Edgington
Mr Gunner	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Kirby	Mr Guyula
Ms Lawler	Mrs Hersey
Mrs Manison	Mrs Lambley
Mr Monaghan	Mr Maley
Ms Moss	Mr Sloan
Mr Paech	Mr Yan
Mr Turner	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	

Motion agreed to.

On the question that the debate be adjourned.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 13	**Noes 10**
Mr Bowden	Ms Boothby
Mr Costa	Mr Burgoyne
Ms Fyles	Mr Edgington
Mr Gunner	Mrs Finocchiaro
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Mr Turner	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	

Motion agreed to.

Debate adjourned.

6. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding Ovarian Cancer Australia in recognition of Teal Ribbon Giving Day 2021.

7. MINISTERIAL REPORT

Mrs Worden (Minister for Territory Families and Urban Housing), delivered a report regarding Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Prevention.

Mrs Worden moved that the report be noted.

Mr Burgoyne, Mr Gunner, Mrs Lambley.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5 students from Anula Primary School accompanied by their teachers Mrs Michelle Ellis and Mr Richard Lees.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Visitor: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Mr Jimmy Cocking, Alice Springs Town Councillor and former Deputy Mayor.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitor.

Mrs Manison, Ms Uibo.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 9 students from St John's Catholic College accompanied by their teachers Mrs Foster and Mr Samweli.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Guyula, Ms Moss.

Debate concluded.

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

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8. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 12 Stars Foundation students from Casuarina Senior College accompanied by their teachers Tracy Vallejo, Kylie Duggan and Jason Greene.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

9. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Gunner (Treasurer) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Taxation Administration Amendment Bill 2021 (Serial 15).
2. Mr Gunner (Treasurer) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Mineral Royalty Amendment Bill 2021 (Serial 14).

10. PETITION

Mr Sloan presented Petition Number 3 from 218 petitioners praying that the Northern Territory Government re-open health facilities at Dundee Beach (Paper 195).

Petition read.

11. MOTION: REFERRAL TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE AGREED TO

Mr Sloan moved that Petition Number 3 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Question put and passed.

12. QUESTIONS

14.03 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.08 Mr Monaghan to Mr Gunner
14.11 Mr Yan to Mr Gunner
14.16 Mr Costa to Mrs Manison
14.20 Ms Boothby to Ms Lawler
14.25 Mr Bowden to Ms Fyles
14.29 Mr Sloan to Ms Uibo
14.33 Mr Costa to Ms Lawler
14.37 Ms Hersey to Mr Kirby
14.40 Mr Monaghan to Ms Moss
14.44 Mrs Lambley to Mrs Worden
14.47 Mr Edgington to Ms Uibo
14.48 Mr Costa to Ms Uibo
14.52 Mr Maley to Ms Fyles
14.57 Mr Monaghan to Mr Kirby

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

Mr Gunner, pursuant to Standing Order 115, gave an answer to a question asked earlier during question time from Mr Yan.

13. MOTION: REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly refers the following matter to the Committee for Privileges for inquiry and report to the Legislative Assembly by no later than 6 May 2021 pursuant to Standing Order 229, I hereby move that a matter of privilege be for contempt of the Legislative Assembly based upon the following allegations:

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Ms Fyles, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Hersey, Ms Boothby.

Question put and passed.

14. MOTION: YOUTH CRIME IN ALICE SPRINGS

Mrs Lambley, pursuant to notice, moved:

> That the NT Government provides a safe house where children 'at risk' found on the streets of Alice Springs at night can be taken, assessed and cared for until a responsible adult can be found.

Mrs Worden moved the following amendment:

> To omit all words after 'that' and insert the following:
>
> this Assembly acknowledges the complexity of working on issues of child and community safety in Alice Springs and recognises the continuing work of the Territory Government and others, to make Alice Springs safer.

Papers Tabled: Mrs Worden (Minister for Territory Families and Urban Housing) tabled the following papers:

1. Article, ABC News, 'Alice Springs youth drop-in centre aims to keep children safe throughout the night' by Melissa Mackay dated 21 November 2020 (Paper 196).
2. Article, Centralian Advocate, 'A good start 24-hour youth centre trial begins in Alice Springs' by Daniel Wood dated 23 November 2020 (Paper 197).
3. Article, Centralian Advocate, 'Police allowed to enter Alice Springs Youth Hub despite social media rumours' by Daniel Wood dated 21 January 2021 (Paper 198).

Mr Burgoyne, Mrs Manison, Mr Yan, Mr Paech, Mr Maley, Ms Uibo, Ms Moss.

Debate suspended.

15. MINISTERIAL REPORT: DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Resumption of debate on the motion that the report be noted.

Mr Maley, Mr Paech.

Question put and passed.

Report noted.

16. STATUTE LAW REPEALS BILL 2020 (SERIAL 8): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mr Edgington, Ms Uibo.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

By leave, 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.

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr Gunner, Ms Fyles, Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Moss, Ms Boothby, Mr Paech, Mr Sloan, Mr Burgoyne.

The Assembly adjourned at 20.08 until Thursday 25 February 2021 at 10.00.

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

Annual Report 2018-2019
National Environment Protection Council (Paper 191)

Annual Reports 2019-2020
AustralAsia Railway Corporation (Paper 192)
Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (Paper 193)

Report
Review of Seabed Mining in the Northern Territory – Environmental Impacts and Management, Final Report December 2020 (Paper 194)

ATTENDANCE
All Members attended the meeting.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly