NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 101
Tuesday 12 March 2024

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Dheran Young, presided.

2. PRAYERS

Mr Bowden read the prayer.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Ms Fyles delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of the following Message from His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie PSM, Administrator of the Northern Territory (Paper 1089).

Message Number 34

Assent to Proposed Laws

I, HUGH HEGGIE PSM, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, advise the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 7 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, of the assent to the following proposed laws:

1 March 2024
Building Legislation Amendment Act 2024 (Act No. 1 of 2024)
Local Government and Place Names Amendment Act 2024 (Act No. 2 of 2024)

Dated 7 March 2024.

5. SPEAKER'S STATEMENTS

The Speaker made the following statements:

1. advising that, pursuant to Standing Order 181, Mr Potter was discharged from the Standing Committee on the ICAC on 26 February 2024
2. advising of changes to staff in the Table Office
3. regarding Lymphoedema Awareness Week.

6. VISITORS

On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Year 7 students and teachers from Sanderson Middle School present in the gallery.

7. PAPER TABLED

The Speaker tabled a report from the Public Accounts Committee regarding Petition Number 26, dated 15 February 2024 (Paper 1090).

8. MOTION: ADOPT PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT ON PETITION NUMBER 26

The Clerk advised receipt of a report from the Public Accounts Committee regarding Petition Number 26 concerning the public housing tenancy at 10 Kapok Court, Karama.

Ms Ah Kit moved that the report be adopted.

Question put and passed

9. MOTION: SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS

Mr Paech (Leader of Government Business) moved, without notice, that so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as is necessary to allow in this sitting week the consideration of the questions for the second reading for each of the following bills:

1. Housing and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
2. Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
3. Fire and Emergency Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2024.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Lambley, Mr Paech (in reply).

On the question that the suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders be agreed to.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 14	**Noes 9**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Edgington
Mr Brown	Mrs Finocchiaro
Ms Fyles	Mrs Hersey
Mr Kirby	Mrs Lambley
Ms Lawler	Mr Maley
Mrs Manison	Ms Purick
Mr Monaghan	Mr Turner
Ms Moss	Mr Yan
Mr Paech	
Mr Potter	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Motion agreed to.

Question put and passed with an absolute majority.

10. PERSONAL EXPLANATION: MR POTTER

Pursuant to Standing Order 26, having obtained leave from the Speaker, Mr Potter explained matters of a personal nature.

11. HOUSING AND RELATED LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 117)

Pursuant to the suspension of standing and sessional orders, resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr Maley, Ms Uibo.

Visitors: On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed members of the Berry Springs Council on the Ageing group present in the gallery.

Mr Edgington, Mr Paech.

Debate suspended.

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

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12. VISITORS

On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Stars Foundation students and teachers from Driver Primary School present in the gallery.

13. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mrs Finocchiaro will move on the next General Business Day that this Assembly address the Lawler Labor Government's failure to deliver any improvements to the lives of Territorians when it comes to Youth Justice. That this Assembly call out the Lawler Labor Government's announcement to review the Youth Justice Act to be concluded after the election, as nothing more than a political stunt.
2. Mrs Lambley will move on the next General Business Day that the NT Government commit to building a new Alice Springs Hospital at a new location to meet the growing and changing health needs of Central Australia by 2034.
3. Ms Purick will present on the next General Business Day a Bill titled Youth Justice Amendment Bill 2024 (Serial 123).

14. QUESTIONS

14.01 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Lawler
14.05 Mr Brown to Ms Lawler
14.09 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler
14.12 Mr Brown to Ms Uibo
14.15 Mr Edgington to Ms Lawler
14.20 Mrs Manison to Mr Bowden
14.24 Ms Boothby to Ms Lawler
14.28 Ms Moss to Ms Uibo
14.31 Mrs Hersey to Ms Lawler
14.35 Ms Fyles to Mr Paech
14.39 Mrs Lambley to Ms Lawler, referred to Mr Potter
14.43 Mrs Lambley to Mr Potter – Supplementary
14.44 Mr Brown to Mrs Worden
14.48 Mr Yan to Ms Lawler
14.51 Mr Kirby to Mr Monaghan
14.55 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Lawler
14.59 Ms Moss to Ms Ah Kit

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

15. HOUSING AND RELATED LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 117)

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

Mr Paech (continuation of remarks), Ms Lawler, Mrs Lambley, Mr Bowden, Ms Ah Kit (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

By leave, on the motion of Ms Ah Kit (Minster for Urban Housing), the Bill was read a third time.

16. JUSTICE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 118)

Pursuant to the suspension of standing and sessional orders, resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr Edgington, Mr Paech (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

By leave, on the motion of Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), the Bill was read a third time.

17. PAPERS TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled:

1. Satellite Phone Report, 1 January to 31 December 2023 (Paper 1096)
2. Independent Commissioner Against Corruption General Report (Paper 1097).

18. MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: INTEGRITY

The Deputy Speaker advised the Assembly that Mrs Finocchiaro had proposed a Matter of Public Importance in the following terms:

> The government's continued failures when it comes to matters of integrity.

Having received the necessary support, discussion ensued.

Mrs Finocchiaro.

Visitor: On behalf of all Members the Deputy Speaker welcomed former Speaker the Honourable Jane Aagaard present in the gallery.

Ms Uibo, Ms Boothby, Mrs Worden, Mrs Hersey, Mr Paech, Mr Maley, Mr Bowden.

Discussion concluded.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Ms Uibo (Minister for Health) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Question put and passed.

Ms Uibo, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Worden, Ms Boothby, Mr Brown, Mr Paech, Mr Potter.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.16 until Wednesday 13 March 2024 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Reports 2022–2023

Commissioner of Superannuation (Paper 1091)

Material Instances of Non-Compliance with the Port Access Policy and Price Determination (Paper 1093)

Public Trustee for the Northern Territory (Paper 1092)

Ports Management Act 2015

Review of the Port Access and Pricing Regime, Final Report 2023, Utilities Commission of the Northern Territory (Paper 1094)

Subordinate Legislation 2024

No. 1 of 2024, Liquor Amendment (Alice Springs) Regulations 2024 (Paper 1095)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Mr Burgoyne and Mr Guyula.

MATHEW BATES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly