NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 71
Wednesday 22 March 2023

1. MEETING
The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Mark Monaghan, 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. VISITORS
On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed students and teachers from Manunda Terrace Primary School, present in the gallery.

5. MOTION: APPOINTMENT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AND PERSONAL VAPORISERS (VAPING)
Mr Paech (Leader of Government Business), pursuant to notice, moved:

1. that a Select Committee on Electronic Cigarettes and Personal Vaporisers (Vaping) be appointed;
2. that the Member for Fannie Bay be appointed Chair of the Committee;
3. that the remainder of the Committee membership comprise the Member for Daly, one (1) Opposition Member and one (1) independent Member to be nominated in writing to the Speaker by the relevant Whip or non-party aligned Member by 27 March 2023;
4. that the Committee is to report its findings back to the Assembly by 30 October 2023; and
5. that the terms of reference for the Committee be to inquire into:
    i. the current scale and trends of e-cigarette and personal vaporiser use in the Northern Territory, including amongst children and young people;
    ii. the health impacts of the use of e-cigarettes and personal vaporisers;
    iii. the efficacy of e-cigarettes and personal vaporisers in helping people to quit smoking;
    iv. the approaches being taken to discourage uptake and the use of e-cigarettes and personal vaporisers, including but not limited to, in Northern Territory Schools; and

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v. best practice national and international regulatory responses to e-cigarettes and personal vaporisers.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Maley, Ms Lawler, Mrs Lambley, Mrs Hersey, Ms Purick, Mr Turner, Mr Paech (in reply).

Question put and passed.

6. MOTION: APPOINTMENT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE ON POLICE

Mrs Finocchiaro, pursuant to notice, moved:

That this Assembly:

Appoints a select parliamentary committee to urgently inquire into the ongoing, worsening crisis within the Northern Territory Police. The NT Police Association Survey shows that the deteriorating situation cannot be allowed to continue when:

- 97.6 percent of Police do not believe there are enough police to do what is asked of them;
- 80.7 percent of Police rated morale as low, or very low;
- 96.7 percent of Police do not feel supported by the NT Government; and
- 85.3 percent have considered an exit strategy from the NT Police Force in the last six to twelve months.

Specifically, the committee will inquire into police resources, executive leadership, mental health and wellbeing, and safety.

The committee is to be composed of three (3) members of the Government, two (2) members of the Opposition and one (1) nominated by the relevant Whip or non-party aligned Member in writing to the Speaker.

The committee is to report to the Legislative Assembly within 60 days, with specific recommendations to address this issue of paramount importance to Territorians.

Visitors: On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed students and teachers from Manunda Terrace Primary School present in the gallery.

Mrs Worden.

Mrs Worden moved that the question be put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 12	**Noes 11**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Burgoyne
Mr Brown	Mr Edgington
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Kirby	Mr Guyula
Ms Lawler	Mrs Hersey
Mrs Manison	Mrs Lambley
Mr Paech	Mr Maley
Mr Potter	Ms Purick
Ms Uibo	Mr Turner
Mrs Worden	Mr Yan
Mr Young	

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Motion agreed to.

On the question that the motion to appoint a select committee be agreed to.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes 11	**Noes 13**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Bowden
Mr Edgington	Mr Brown
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Fyles
Mr Guyula	Mr Kirby
Mrs Hersey	Ms Lawler
Mrs Lambley	Mrs Manison
Mr Maley	Mr Monaghan
Ms Purick	Mr Paech
Mr Turner	Mr Potter
Mr Yan	Ms Uibo
	Mrs Worden
	Mr Young

Motion not agreed to.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.53 and 14.00.

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7. NOTICE

The following notice was given:

Mr Maley will move on the next Meeting Day:

That this Assembly:

Appoints a select committee to conduct an inquiry into and examine the Ship Lift Project in detail and recommend options to ensure strong government oversight and financial management of the project with special regard to:

1. The $400 million budget blow-out since 2016;
2. The impact of the entrance into administration of Clough Group;
3. The circumstances necessitating the award of an additional technical design consultancy tender just two weeks ago;
4. The expected significant delay in delivery of the project as a result of recent events;
5. The ability of the government to accomplish the stated goals of the project; and
6. The economic viability of the project and ability to deliver a return on investment and value for money for Territorians.

The committee is to be composed of three (3) members of the Government, two (2) members of the Opposition and one (1) nominated by the relevant Whip or non-party aligned Member in writing to the Speaker.

The committee is to report to the Legislative Assembly within 60 days, with specific recommendations to address this issue of paramount importance to Territorians.

8. QUESTIONS

14.02 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.06 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles – Supplementary
14.07 Mr Potter to Ms Fyles
14.10 Mr Maley to Ms Fyles
14.14 Mr Bowden to Mrs Manison
14.18 Mr Yan to Ms Fyles
14.22 Mr Bowden to Ms Lawler
14.26 Mr Edgington to Mrs Worden
14.27 Mr Potter to Ms Ah Kit
14.30 Mr Burgoyne to Ms Fyles
14.35 Mr Bowden to Mr Kirby
14.38 Ms Purick to Mrs Worden
14.41 Mr Brown to Ms Uibo
14.45 Mrs Hersey to Ms Fyles
14.49 Mr Young to Mrs Worden
14.53 Mr Bowden to Ms Lawler
14.57 Ms Boothby to Ms Fyles
15.00 Mr Potter to Mrs Manison

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

9. LIQUOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (OFFENCES) BILL 2023 (SERIAL 78)

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

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Worden, Ms Boothby, Mr Kirby, Mr Guyula, Mr Paech, Mr Burgoyne, Ms Ah Kit, Mrs Hersey, Mrs Lambley.

Mr Burgoyne moved that the question be put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes 9	**Noes 15**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Bowden
Mr Edgington	Mr Brown
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Fyles
Mrs Hersey	Mr Guyula
Mrs Lambley	Mr Kirby
Mr Maley	Ms Lawler
Ms Purick	Mrs Manison
Mr Yan	Mr Monaghan
	Mr Paech
	Mr Potter
	Ms Uibo
	Mr Turner
	Mrs Worden
	Mr Young

Motion not agreed to.

Ms Uibo.

Debate suspended.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Paech (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Question put and passed.

Ms Lawler, Ms Fyles, Mr Yan, Mrs Lambley, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Paech, Mr Monaghan, Mr Kirby, Mr Potter.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.53 until Thursday 23 March 2023 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006

Remuneration Tribunal Report No. 1 of 2023 on the Entitlements for the Controller of Water Resources (Paper 811)

Liquor Act 2019

Instrument of Addition of Condition to and Variation of Conditions of Certain Authorities, dated 27 January 2023, section 88(1) (Paper 812)

Instrument of Addition of Condition to and Variation of Conditions of Certain Authorities, dated 31 January 2023, section 88(1) (Paper 813)

Surveillance Devices Act 2007

OmbudsmanNT Report to Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Compliance by Northern Territory Police Force with *Surveillance Devices Act 2007,* January 2023 (Paper 814)

Subordinate Legislation 2023

No. 2 of 2023, Victoria Daly Regional Council (Pine Creek and Timber Creek By-Laws) Repeal By-Laws 2023 (Paper 815)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Ms Moss on leave.

MATHEW BATES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly