NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 100
Thursday 15 February 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

Mr Monaghan delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. VISITORS

On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed staff from the Interpreting and Translating Service NT present in the gallery.

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

Ms Ah Kit (Minister for Urban Housing), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Community Housing Providers (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2013*, the *Housing Act 1982*, the Housing Regulations 1983 and the *Residential Tenancies Act 1999*.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Ah Kit moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 1086).

Ms Boothby moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

6. RACING AND WAGERING BILL 2024 (SERIAL 120)

Ms Lawler (Minister for Industry and Trade), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to regulate racing and wagering and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Lawler moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 1087).

Ms Boothby moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend legislation administered by the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Paech moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 1088).

Mr Edgington moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLACE NAMES AMENDMENT BILL 2023 (SERIAL 110)

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

Mr Edgington, Mr Bowden (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clause 1 considered.

Clause 1 stands as printed.

Clause 2 considered.

Clause 2 stands as printed.

Clause 3 considered.

Clause 3 stands as printed.

Clause 4 considered.

Clause 4 stands as printed.

Clause 5 considered.

Clause 5 stands as printed.

Clause 6 considered.

Clause 6 stands as printed.

Clause 7 considered.

The Assembly divided:

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

Clause 7 agreed to.

Clause 7 stands as printed.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Bowden (Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics), the Bill was read a third time.

9. MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT: THE YEAR AHEAD

Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly take note of the statement.

Mr Monaghan, Mr Burgoyne.

Debate suspended.

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

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10. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker acknowledged the long service of the Member for Goyder to the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory.

11. QUESTIONS

14.01 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Lawler
14.05 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Lawler – Supplementary
14.06 Mr Kirby to Ms Lawler
14.09 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Lawler

Proposed censure

Pursuant to Standing Order 67, Mrs Finocchiaro (Leader of the Opposition) sought to move:

To censure the Chief Minister for her failure to lead the Territory with integrity and failure to uphold the standards set under the Ministerial Code of Conduct, failure to follow the rules and critically failed to confirm how the former Chief Minister, the Member for Nightcliff, and the now Deputy Chief Minister handled the conflict in Cabinet during discussions around Stronger Futures.

The Government did not accept the proposed motion.

14.10 Mr Brown to Mr Paech
14.14 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler
14.19 Ms Moss to Ms Uibo
14.22 Ms Boothby to Ms Lawler, referred to Mr Potter
14.26 Mrs Manison to Mr Bowden
14.30 Mr Yan to Ms Lawler, referred to Mr Potter
14.35 Mrs Manison to Mr Potter
14.38 Mrs Hersey to Ms Lawler
14.42 Mr Guyula to Ms Uibo

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14.46 Mr Kirby to Mrs Worden
14.49 Mr Edgington to Ms Lawler
14.53 Mr Brown to Ms Ah Kit
14.57 Mr Burgoyne to Ms Lawler

Ms Lawler (Chief Minister) asked that further questions be placed on the Written Question Paper.

12. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding Northern Territory Electoral Commission election information packs.

13. MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT: THE YEAR AHEAD

Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly take note of the statement.

Mrs Lambley, Ms Moss, Mr Bowden, Mr Edgington, Ms Fyles, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Turner, Mr Brown, Ms Lawler (in reply).

Question put and passed.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Question put and passed.

Ms Moss, Mr Guyula, Mr Bowden, Ms Boothby, Mr Potter, Ms Uibo, Mrs Worden, Mr Paech, Mr Monaghan, Ms Ah Kit.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.37 until Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 10.00.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MATHEW BATES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly