Northern Territory of Australia
Legislative Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

Meeting Number 10
Tuesday 11 February 2025

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1. MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly met at 10.00 am. The Speaker, the Honourable Robyn Lambley, took the Chair, read the prayer and delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

2. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised members of the following message from His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie AO PSM, Administrator of the Northern Territory (Paper 175).

Message Number 2

Assent to Proposed Laws

I, HUGH HEGGIE AO 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:

9 December 2024
First Home Owner Grant Amendment Act 2024 (Act No. 21 of 2024)
Fines and Penalties (Recovery) Amendment (Validation) Act 2024 (Act No. 22 of 2024)
Fines and Penalties (Recovery) Legislation Amendment Act 2024 (Act No. 23 of 2024)

Dated 7 January 2025

3. SPEAKER'S STATEMENTS

The Speaker advised of the receipt of correspondence from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee advising that the Committee has resolved to conduct an inquiry into the Northern Territory Government Road Works in the Alice Springs CBD.

The Speaker advised of the receipt of correspondence from the Chair of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee advising the Committee has received an inquiry referral from the Attorney-General relating to historical regulations in force in the Northern Territory.

The Speaker advised that the presentation of the Address in Reply to His Honour the Administrator will take place today.

The Speaker advised of the introduction of a formal procession out of the Chamber after the Assembly adjourns.

4. MINISTERIAL REPORT: 2025 YEAR OF ACTION

Mrs Finocchiaro (Chief Minister) delivered a report regarding the 2025 Year of Action and moved that the report be noted.

Ms Uibo.

On the motion of Mr Yan the debate was adjourned.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 10.45 am and 2.00 pm

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5. ADDRESS IN REPLY PRESENTATION TO ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised that, accompanied by Honourable Members, today she attended upon His Honour the Administrator and there presented the Address in Reply to the speech His Honour delivered on the occasion of the opening of the Fifteenth Assembly.

The Speaker advised that His Honour was pleased to accept the Address in Reply from Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly.

6. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mrs Finocchiaro (Minister for Territory Coordinator) will present on the next meeting day a Bill titled Territory Coordinator Bill 2025 (Serial 17).
2. Mr Maley (Minister for Corrections) will present on the next meeting day a Bill titled Correctional Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 12).
3. Mr Yan (Treasurer) will present on the next meeting day a Bill titled Fiscal Integrity and Transparency Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 15).
4. Mr Burgoyne (Minster for Lands, Planning and Environment) will present on the next meeting day a Bill titled Petroleum, Planning and Water Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 11).

7. QUESTIONS

2.01 Ms Uibo to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.05 Dr Rahman to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.09 J Davis to Ms Cahill
2.13 Mrs Carlson to Mr Yan
2.17 Ms Uibo to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.20 Mr Mackay to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.24 Ms Uibo to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.28 Mr Kerle to Mr Burgoyne
2.32 J Davis to Mr Maley
2.36 Mr O'Gallagher to Mrs Hersey
2.40 K McNamara to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.44 Mr Howe to Ms Cahill
2.48 Ms Uibo to Mr Yan
2.51 Mr Patel to Mr Maley
2.55 Mr Guyula to Mr Maley
2.59 Mrs Zio to Ms Boothby

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

8. PAYROLL TAX AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 7)

Order of the day read for the resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.

Ms Uibo, Mrs Finocchiaro, J Davis, Ms Cahill, Mr O'Gallagher, Mr Edgington, Mr Yan (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr Yan moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

9. LIQUOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (REPEAL OF MINIMUM PRICING) BILL 2024 (SERIAL 10)

Order of the day read for the debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Maley (on behalf of the Minister for Tourism and Hospitality) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Ms Uibo, Mr Burgoyne, K McNamara, Mr Charls, Mr Guyula, Mr Young, J Davis.

Paper Tabled: J Davis, by leave, tabled: Letter to Ms Hunterford, Policy and Advocacy Advisor, in response to correspondence from the health community, Aboriginal and research organisations, dated 17 January 2025, from Ms Boothby, Minister for Tourism and Hospitality (Paper 181).

Mrs Lambley, Mr Paech, Dr Rahman, Mr Kerle, Ms Boothby (in reply).

Question, that the Bill be now read a second time, put and the Assembly divided:

Ayes 17

Ms Boothby	Mr Burgoyne	Ms Cahill	Mrs Carlson
Mr Charls	Mr Edgington	Mrs Finocchiaro	Mrs Hersey
Mr Howe	Mr Kerle	Mr Mackay	Mr Maley
Mr O'Gallagher	Mr Patel	Dr Rahman	Mr Yan
Mrs Zio			

Noes 7

Mr Brown	J Davis	Mr Guyula	K McNamara
Mr Paech	Ms Uibo	Mr Young	

Motion passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 13 stand as printed.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

On the question that the Bill be agreed to, the Assembly divided:

Ayes 17

Ms Boothby	Mr Burgoyne	Ms Cahill	Mrs Carlson
Mr Charls	Mr Edgington	Mrs Finocchiaro	Mrs Hersey
Mr Howe	Mr Kerle	Mr Mackay	Mr Maley
Mr O'Gallagher	Mr Patel	Dr Rahman	Mr Yan
Mrs Zio			

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Question agreed to.

Ms Boothby moved the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and the Assembly divided:

Ayes 17

Ms Boothby	Mr Burgoyne	Ms Cahill	Mrs Carlson
Mr Charls	Mr Edgington	Mrs Finocchiaro	Mrs Hersey
Mr Howe	Mr Kerle	Mr Mackay	Mr Maley
Mr O'Gallagher	Mr Patel	Dr Rahman	Mr Yan
Mrs Zio			

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Mr Paech	Ms Uibo	Mr Young	

Motion passed.

Bill read a third time.

10. PAPERS TABLED

The Speaker tabled:

1. Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption General Report, Section 48 –*Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2017* (Paper 182).
2. Auditor-General's Report to the Legislative Assembly, Territory Coordinator Radio Advertisement Review, Report 2 of 2025, *Public Information Act 2010* (Paper 183).

11. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 123, tabled responses to:

1. Petition Number 2, praying for the immediate installation of driver protection screens on Darwin buses (Paper 184).
2. Petition Number 5, praying for the repeal of amendments introduced by the *Termination of Pregnancy Law Reform Legislation Amendment Act 2021* (Paper 185).

12. DEBATES ON PETITIONS

Petition Number 3: Order of the day read for the debate on Petition Number 3 praying for the protection of Litchfield National Park from the spread of gamba grass.

K McNamara moved that the Assembly note the petition.

Mr Young, Ms Boothby.

Question put and passed.

Petition Number 7: Order of the day read for the debate on Petition Number 7 praying for road infrastructure upgrade outside Humpty Doo Primary School.

Mr Mackay moved that the Assembly note the petition.

Mr Young, Mr Maley, Mr Yan.

Question put and passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Edgington (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly do now adjourn.

Mr Maley, Dr Rahman, Mr Young, Mrs Hersey, Mrs Zio, Mr Paech, Mr Kerle, Ms Uibo, Ms Boothby, Mr Burgoyne, Mr Mackay, Mr Charls, Mrs Finocchiaro.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned at 10.04 pm until Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 10.00 am.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

AustralAsia Railway Corporation Act 1996

Annual Report 2023-2024, AustralAsia Railway Corporation, section 32(2) of the *AustralAsia Railway Corporation Act 1996* (Paper 179)

Desert Knowledge Australia Act 2003

Annual Report 2023-2024, Desert Knowledge Australia, *Desert Knowledge Australia Act 2003* (Paper 180)

Financial Management Act 1995

Authorisation of Issue of Increased Funds Available from Commonwealth, *Financial Management Act 1995*, dated 5 December 2024 (Paper 177)

Determination of Proportion of Appropriation to be Transferred after Redistribution of Business, *Financial Management Act 1995*, dated 5 December 2024 (Paper 178)

Direction to Transfer Excess Appropriation, *Financial Management Act 1995*, dated 5 December 2024 (Paper 174)

Statement under section 19(4), 19A(5), 20(2) and 21(3) of the *Financial Management Act 1995* (Paper 176)

ATTENDANCE

All members attended the meeting.

RUSSELL KEITH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly