NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 60
Thursday 13 October 2022

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 Boothby delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. **VISITORS**
On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Year 5 students and teachers from The Essington School present in the gallery.

5. **MOTION: APPOINTMENT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE ON SUPPORTING TERRITORY POLICE**
Mrs Finocchiaro, pursuant to notice, moved that this Assembly:

> Appoints a select parliamentary committee to investigate the crisis in policing in the Territory as evidenced by the Northern Territory Police Association Survey results which revealed that:
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> 1. 80% of police have no confidence in the Commissioner;
> 2. 93% of officers do not feel that they have adequate resources to do their jobs properly;
> 3. 80% rating morale in the police force as lower or very low; and
> 4. 90% of officers opposed the Labor Government's punitive pay freeze.

Mr Paech.

Mr Paech moved that the question be put.

Question put and passed.

On the question that the motion be agreed to.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 8	**Noes 14**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Bowden
Mr Edgington	Mr Costa
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Fyles

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Mrs Hersey	Mr Kirby
Mr Maley	Ms Lawler
Ms Purick	Mrs Manison
Mr Yan	Ms Moss
	Mr Paech
	Mr Potter
	Mr Turner
	Ms Uibo
	Mrs Worden
	Mr Young

Motion not agreed to.

6. **TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY ROAD AND RAIL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (SERIAL 70)**

Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2010* and the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations 2011.

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 656).

Mr Edgington moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

7. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (SERIAL 64)**

Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1992* and the Anti-Discrimination Regulations 1994.

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 657).

Visitors: On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed the Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Commissioner, Ms Sally Sievers, and Year 5 students and teachers from The Essington School present in the gallery.

Mr Edgington moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

8. **SENTENCING AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (SERIAL 69)**

Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Sentencing Act 1995*, the Sentencing Regulations 1996, the *Domestic and Family Violence Act 2007*, the *Misuse of Drugs Act 1990* 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 658).

Mr Edgington moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

9. CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY) BILL 2022 (SERIAL 65)

Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code 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 659).

Mr Edgington moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 12.04 and 14.00.

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10. NOTICE

The following notice was given:

Mrs Finocchiaro will move on the next General Business Day that this Assembly censures the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services for her failure to support our police, tackle crime and keep Territorians safe.

11. PETITION

Mr Young presented Petition Number 20 from 752 petitioners praying that the public amenities at the Darwin River Dam be reopened (Paper 660).

Petition read.

12. MOTION: PETITION REFERRED TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Mr Young moved that Petition Number 20 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Question put and passed.

13. PETITION

Mr Young, by leave, presented Petition Number 21, not conforming with Standing Orders, from 1062 petitioners praying to protect the Litchfield-Finniss region from uranium and lithium mining (Paper 661).

Petition read.

14. MOTION: PETITION REFERRED TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Mr Young moved that Petition Number 21 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Question put and passed.

15. QUESTIONS

14.03 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mrs Worden
14.07 Mr Bowden to Ms Fyles
14.10 Mr Maley to Mrs Worden
14.14 Mr Costa to Mrs Manison
14.18 Mr Yan to Mrs Worden
14.22 Mr Potter to Ms Moss

14.27 Mr Edgington to Mrs Worden
14.31 Mr Young to Ms Uibo
14.35 Ms Boothby to Mrs Worden
14.39 Mr Bowden to Mrs Worden
14.43 Ms Purick to Mr Kirby
14.46 Mr Potter to Lawler
14.50 Mr Burgoyne to Mrs Worden
14.54 Mr Costa to Mr Kirby
14.57 Mrs Hersey to Mrs Worden
14.58 Mr Young to Ms Ah Kit
15.02 Mr Potter to Mr Paech

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

16. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AMENDMENT BILL 2022 (SERIAL 62)

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

Mr Yan, Mrs Lambley, Ms Boothby, Mr Kirby.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On the motion of Mr Kirby (Minister for Public Employment), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

17. CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (PROPERTY OFFENCES) BILL 2022 (SERIAL 60)

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

Mr Edgington, Mr Potter, Mrs Finocchiaro.

Visitors: On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Minister Hau A Lềnh and other members of the Vietnamese Ministerial Delegation.

Mr Turner, Mrs Worden, Mr Bowden.

Exclusion from Chamber: The Speaker ordered Ms Boothby to leave the Chamber for one hour pursuant to Standing Order 49.

Mr Paech.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved to consider the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 9 considered.

Clauses 1 to 9 stand as printed.

Clause 10 considered.

Mr Paech moved the following amendment:

Clause 10, proposed section 228AO(1)(b)(i) and (ii), after "person"

insert

or a third person

Question put and passed.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 10 as amended stands.

Mr Paech moved to recommit clause 10 as amended.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 14	**Noes 8**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Edgington
Mr Costa	Mrs Finocchiaro
Ms Fyles	Mr Guyula
Mr Kirby	Mrs Hersey
Ms Lawler	Mr Maley
Mrs Manison	Ms Purick
Mr Monaghan	Mr Yan
Ms Moss	
Mr Paech	
Mr Potter	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Motion agreed to.

Clause 10 as amended considered.

Mr Paech moved the following amendment:

Clause 10, proposed section 228AO(1)(b)(iii)

omit, insert

(iii) influencing the other person or a third person in the exercise of their public duty; and

Question put and passed.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 10 as amended stands.

Clauses 11 to 26 considered.

Clauses 11 to 26 stand as printed.

New clause 26A.

Mr Paech moved the following amendment.

After clause 26

insert

26A Section 120 amended (Property offences that may be dealt with summarily)

(1) Section 120(1)(a)

omit

all words from "210" to "229"

insert

217, 226, 228AA, 228AH or 228AK

(2) Section 120(1)(b), after "property"

insert

or financial advantage

Question put and passed.

Amendment agreed to.

New clause 26A inserted.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

18. MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY'S RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE – UPDATE OCTOBER 2022

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

Ms Ah Kit, Mr Bowden.

Mr Paech moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 17.50 and 18.00.

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19. CONDOLENCE MOTION: MR CHRISTOPHER WILSON

The Speaker informed the Assembly of the passing of Mr Christopher Wilson.

Ms Fyles (Chief Minister) moved that this Assembly pays tribute to Mr Christopher Wilson.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Manison, Mr Maley, Ms Purick.

Question put and passed.

As a mark of respect Members stood in their places in silence for one minute.

20. ADJOURNMENT

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

Question put and passed.

Ms Ah Kit, Mr Guyula, Ms Moss, Ms Uibo, Mr Paech.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.22 until Tuesday 22 November 2022 at 10.00.

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DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Report 2021–2022

Northern Territory Police, *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Registration) Act 2004* (Paper 655)

Subordinate Legislation 2022

No. 12 of 2022, Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Amendment Regulations 2022 (Paper 654)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MATHEW BATES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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