NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 97
Thursday 30 November 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

Mrs Manison delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding the 2023 Members' Survey.

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

Mr Bowden (Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Local Government Act 2019* and the *Place Names Act 1967*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Bowden moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 1054).

Mr Edgington moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

6. MOTION: APPOINTMENT OF AN INSPECTOR FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONER AGAINST CORRUPTION

Ms Fyles (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, moved:

> That the Assembly, pursuant to section 134 of the Northern Territory *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2017*, recommends to His Honour the Administrator that he appoint Mr Bruce McClintock SC to hold the office of Inspector for the Northern Territory Independent Commissioner Against Corruption.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Fyles (in reply).

Question put and passed.

7. ALCOHOL HARM REDUCTION AMENDMENT BILL 2023 (SERIAL 111)

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

Mr Maley, Mr Bowden, Mrs Lambley, Mr Guyula.

MeB

Speaker's Statement: The Speaker made a statement advising Members of temporary Northern Territory Government-wide IT issues.

Mrs Hersey, Ms Fyles (in reply).

Debate suspended.

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

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8. QUESTIONS

14.00 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles

Visitors: On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed Mr Gary Higgins, former Minister and Member for Daly; and Mr Syd Stirling, former Deputy Chief Minister and Member for Nhulunbuy, present in the gallery.

14.05 Mr Young to Ms Fyles
14.08 Mr Maley to Ms Fyles
14.12 Mr Kirby to Mrs Manison
14.15 Ms Boothby to Ms Fyles, referred to Mr Potter
14.19 Mr Yan to Ms Fyles
14.23 Mr Young to Ms Lawler
14.27 Mrs Hersey to Ms Fyles, referred to Mr Paech
14.31 Mr Brown to Mr Bowden
14.35 Mr Edgington to Ms Fyles
14.39 Mr Guyula to Ms Lawler
14.42 Mr Brown to Ms Uibo
14.46 Mr Burgoyne to Ms Fyles
14.50 Mr Brown to Ms Ah Kit
14.53 Mr Yan to Mr Potter
14.59 Mr Brown to Mr Potter

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

9. ALCOHOL HARM REDUCTION AMENDMENT BILL 2023 (SERIAL 111)

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

Ms Fyles (continuation of remarks in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 7 considered.

Clauses 1 to 7 stand as printed.

MeB

Clause 8 considered.

Clause 8 stands as printed.

Clause 9 considered.

Clause 9 stands as printed.

Clause 10 considered.

Clause 10 stands as printed.

Clause 11 considered.

Clause 11 stands as printed.

Clause 12 considered.

Clause 12 stands as printed.

Clause 13 considered.

Clause 13 stands as printed.

Clause 14 considered.

Clause 14 stands as printed.

Clause 15 considered.

Clause 15 stands as printed.

Clause 16 considered.

Clause 16 stands as printed.

Clause 17 considered.

Clause 17 stands as printed.

Clause 18 considered.

Clause 18 stands as printed.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Ms Fyles (Minister for Health) the Bill was read a third time.

Pursuant to Standing Order 125, Mr Guyula requested that his dissent be recorded.

10. POLICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (POWERS, APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023 (SERIAL 113) AND FIREARMS AND WEAPONS CONTROL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023 (SERIAL 112)

Resumption of the cognate debate, pursuant to the motion of 28 November 2023, on the question that the Bills be read a second time.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Worden, Mrs Lambley, Mr Yan, Mr Guyula, Ms Purick, Mr Turner, Mr Potter (in reply).

On the question that the Police Legislation Amendment (Powers, Appointments and Other Matters) Bill 2023 (Serial 113) be read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 4 considered.

Clauses 1 to 4 stand as printed.

Clause 5 considered.

On the question that clause 5 stands as printed.

The Assembly divided:

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

Motion agreed to.

Clause 5 stands as printed.

Clause 6 considered.

On the question that clause 6 stands as printed.

The Assembly divided:

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

Motion agreed to.

Clause 6 stands as printed.

Clause 7 considered.

On the question that clause 7 stands as printed.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 14	**Noes 7**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Burgoyne
Mr Brown	Mr Edgington
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Kirby	Ms Purick
Ms Lawler	Mr Turner
Mrs Manison	Mr Yan
Mr Monaghan	
Ms Moss	
Mr Paech	
Mr Potter	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Motion agreed to.

Clause 7 stands as printed.

Clause 8 considered.

On the question that clause 8 stands as printed.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 14	**Noes 7**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Burgoyne
Mr Brown	Mr Edgington
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Kirby	Ms Purick
Ms Lawler	Mr Turner
Mrs Manison	Mr Yan
Mr Monaghan	
Ms Moss	
Mr Paech	
Mr Potter	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Motion agreed to.

Clause 8 stands as printed.

Clauses 9 to 12 considered.

Clauses 9 to 12 stand as printed.

Clause 13 considered.

Clause 13 stands as printed.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Potter (Minister for Police), the Police Legislation Amendment (Powers, Appointments and Other Matters) Bill 2023 (Serial 113) was read a third time.

On the question that the Firearms and Weapons Control Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 (Serial 112) be read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 18 considered.

Clauses 1 to 18 stand as printed.

Clause 19 considered.

Clause 19 stands as printed.

Clauses 20 to 39 considered.

Clauses 20 to 39 stand as printed.

Clause 40 considered.

Clause 40 stands as printed.

Clause 41 considered.

Clause 41 stands as printed.

Clause 42 considered.

Clause 42 stands as printed.

Clause 43 considered.

Clause 43 stands as printed.

Clauses 44 to 48 considered.

Clauses 44 to 48 stands as printed.

Clause 49 considered.

Mr Turner moved the following amendment:

Clause 49, proposed section 23E

omit

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 8	**Noes 13**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Brown
Mr Edgington	Ms Fyles
Mrs Finocchiaro	Mr Kirby
Mrs Hersey	Ms Lawler
Ms Purick	Mrs Manison
Mr Turner	Mr Monaghan
Mr Yan	Ms Moss
	Mr Paech
	Mr Potter
	Ms Uibo
	Mrs Worden
	Mr Young

Amendment not agreed to.

Mr Turner moved the following amendment:

Clause 49, proposed section 23E(a), after "body"

insert

(other than the Supreme Court, the ICAC, the Legislative Assembly or a committee of the Legislative Assembly)

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 7	**Noes 13**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Brown
Mr Edgington	Ms Fyles
Mrs Hersey	Mr Kirby
Ms Purick	Ms Lawler
Mr Turner	Mrs Manison
Mr Yan	Mr Monaghan
	Ms Moss
	Mr Paech
	Mr Potter
	Ms Uibo
	Mrs Worden
	Mr Young

Amendment not agreed to.

Mr Turner moved the following amendment:

Clause 49, proposed section 23E(b), after "decision"

insert

other than the Supreme Court

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 7	**Noes 13**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Brown
Mr Edgington	Ms Fyles
Mrs Hersey	Mr Kirby
Ms Purick	Ms Lawler
Mr Turner	Mrs Manison
Mr Yan	Mr Monaghan
	Ms Moss
	Mr Paech
	Mr Potter
	Ms Uibo
	Mrs Worden
	Mr Young

Amendment not agreed to.

Clause 49 stands as printed.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Potter (Minister for Police), the Firearms and Weapons Control Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 (Serial 112) was read a third time.

Pursuant to Standing Order 125, Mr Guyula requested that his dissent be recorded.

11. PAPERS TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled:

1. Quarterly Members' Fuel Transaction Report, Quarter 2, April to June 2023 (Paper 1055)
2. Quarterly Members' Fuel Transaction Report, Quarter 3, July to September 2023 (Paper 1056)

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Question put and passed.

Ms Boothby, Mr Guyula, Mr Brown, Mrs Hersey, Mr Bowden, Mr Turner, Mr Potter, Mr Paech, Mrs Manison, Ms Uibo, Mr Monaghan.

The Assembly adjourned at 20.32 until Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 10.00.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MATHEW BATES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly