NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 99
Wednesday 14 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 Potter delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. VISITORS

On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Year 6 students and teachers from Nakara Primary School present in the gallery.

5. CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 115)

Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Children's Commissioner Act 2013*.

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 1070).

Mr Yan moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

6. FIRE AND EMERGENCY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 116)

Mr Potter (Minister for Fire and Emergency Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Emergency Management Act 2013*, the *Fire and Emergency Act 1996*, the Fire and Emergency Regulations 1996 and the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Potter moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 1071).

Mr Yan moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

7. LIVESTOCK AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 119)

Mr Monaghan (Minister for Agribusiness and Fisheries), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Livestock Act 2008*, the Livestock Regulations 2009 and the *Trespass Act 2023*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Monaghan moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 1072).

Ms Boothby moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

8. BUILDING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2023 (SERIAL 104)
Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr Maley.

Visitors: On behalf of all Members, the Speaker welcomed Year 6 students and teachers from Nakara Primary School present in the gallery.

Paper Tabled: Mr Maley, by leave, tabled: Media release, Michael Gunner Chief Minister of the Northern Territory and Dale Wakefield Minister for Renewables, Energy and Essential Services, More Batteries, More Renewables, More Local Jobs, 5 April 2020 (Paper 1073)

Mr Bowden (in reply).

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 14	**Noes 10**
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	Ms Purick
Ms Moss	Mr Turner
Mr Paech	Mr Yan
Mr Potter	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

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

9. MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT: TERRITORY ECONOMY
Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly take note of the statement.

Ms Uibo (continuation of remarks), Mrs Worden.

Question put and passed.

10. MOTION: REORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Mr Paech (Leader of Government Business), pursuant to Standing Order 59 moved that Government Business Order of the Day Number 4 be taken next.

Question put and passed.

11. MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT: BUILDING A BETTER TERRITORY

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

Question put and passed.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.58 and 14.00.

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12. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Ah Kit (Minister for Urban Housing) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Housing and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 (Serial 117).
2. Ms Lawler (Minister for Industry and Trade) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Racing and Wagering Bill 2024 (Serial 120).
3. Mr Paech (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024 (Serial 118).
4. Mr Turner will present on the next General Business Day a Bill titled Criminal Code Amendment Bill 2024 (Serial 114).

13. PETITION

Mrs Lambley, by leave, presented Petition Number 28, not conforming with Standing Orders, from 128 petitioners relating to the Alice Springs Malayalee Association request for action on crime (Paper 1075).

Petition read.

14. MOTION: PETITION REFERRED TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Mrs Lambley moved that Petition Number 28 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Question put and passed.

15. QUESTIONS

14.04 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Lawler
14.07 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Lawler – Supplementary
14.09 Ms Moss to Ms Lawler
14.12 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler
14.15 Mr Kirby to Mrs Worden
14.18 Mr Edgington to Ms Lawler
14.22 Mr Brown to Ms Uibo
14.26 Mrs Hersey to Ms Lawler
14.29 Ms Moss to Ms Ah Kit
14.33 Mr Yan to Ms Lawler
14.36 Mrs Manison to Mrs Worden
14.39 Mr Turner to Mr Paech

14.44 Ms Fyles to Mr Bowden
14.47 Mr Burgoyne to Ms Lawler
14.50 Ms Moss to Mr Monaghan
14.54 Ms Boothby to Ms Lawler
14.58 Mr Kirby to Mr Bowden

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

16. MOTION: POLICING IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES

Mr Guyula, pursuant to notice, moved:

> That the NT Legislative Assembly urges the Government to address the current structural failings that exist for policing in our remote communities and make immediate changes to bring better outcomes, including:
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> - Greater support and training for police officers in remote communities, including language and culture mentoring, provided locally and throughout their placement
> - Policing that clearly acknowledges the Aboriginal authorities on country and seeks to always engage elders and leaders of each community
> - The immediate resourcing of elders and leaders to be a recognised part of peace-keeping and crime prevention
> - Undertaking immediate consultation and implementing locally reached agreements in relation to remote policing practices, including the use of firearms and weapons in each remote Aboriginal community.

Mr Potter moved the following amendment:

> Omit all words after 'That the NT Legislative Assembly' and insert the following words:
>
> recognises the importance of policing in remote communities and this includes the need for:
>
> - Ongoing support, training and cultural mentoring for police officers in remote communities
> - Engaging with community members and recognising the important role Aboriginal Liaison Officers play in crime prevention and peace-keeping
> - Developing and implementing locally reached agreements to support remote policing practices.

Mr Edgington, Mr Paech, Mr Yan, Mrs Worden, Mr Guyula (in reply).

On the question that the amendment to the motion be agreed to.

Question put and passed.

On the question that the motion as amended be agreed to.

Question put and passed.

17. MOTION: MINING AND GAS DEVELOPMENT

Mr Edgington, pursuant to notice, moved:

> That this Assembly condemns the Gunner Labor Government for its failure to implement meaningful economic and red-tape reforms that are holding back the mining, agriculture and gas industries in the Northern Territory, leading to viable

projects experiencing delays and setbacks that jeopardise their ability to be delivered in this jurisdiction.

Mr Monaghan moved the following amendment:

Omit all words after 'That this Assembly' and insert the following words:

- Recognises the enormous contribution the mining, agriculture and gas industries make to the Territory economy;
- Notes the significant amount of work this Territory Labor Government is doing to deliver for the mining, agriculture and gas industries in the Northern Territory; and
- Recognises the comprehensive and extensive work this Labor Government has done to strengthen regulation, support industry whilst also safeguarding water, the environment and culture.

Ms Boothby.

Debate suspended.

18. PAPERS TABLED

The Speaker tabled:

1. Quarterly Members' Fuel Transaction Report, Quarter 4, October to December 2023 (Paper 1084)
2. 2021 Local Government Elections Report, Northern Territory Electoral Commission (Paper 1085).

19. ADJOURNMENT

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

Question put and passed.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Potter, Mr Maley, Mrs Manison, Mr Edgington, Ms Fyles, Ms Boothby, Mrs Hersey, Mr Burgoyne, Mr Paech, Ms Lawler, Ms Ah Kit.

The Assembly adjourned at 20.00 until Thursday 15 February 2024 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Report 2022
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (Paper 1083)

Annual Reports 2022–2023
AustralAsia Railway Corporation (Paper 1077)
Legal Aid NT (Paper 1079)
The Surveyors Board of The Northern Territory of Australia (Paper 1081)
Tourism NT (Paper 1078)

Annual Report 2023
Northern Territory Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board (Paper 1080)

Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006
Northern Territory of Australia Remuneration Tribunal Report and Determination No.1 of 2024 Allowances for Members of Local Authorities (Paper 1076)

Northern Territory of Australia Remuneration Tribunal Report and Determination No.1 of 2024 Allowances for Members of Local Government Councils (Paper 1074)

Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education Act 1999

Financial Statements 2022, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (Paper 1082)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.



MATHEW BATES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly