NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 90
Wednesday 18 October 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

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

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding Mental Health Awareness Month.

5. MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT: TERRITORY ECONOMY

Ms Fyles (Chief Minister) made a statement regarding the Territory Economy and moved that the statement be noted.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Guyula, Mrs Manison, Mr Yan.

Debate suspended.

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

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6. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mrs Lambley will move on the next General Business Day that the Parliament notes the failure by the NT Labor Government to equitably fund and deliver projects to Alice Springs.
2. Ms Lawler (Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Building Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 (Serial 104).

7. QUESTIONS

14.01 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.04 Mr Young to Ms Fyles
14.08 Mr Maley to Ms Fyles
14.11 Mr Brown to Ms Fyles
14.15 Ms Boothby to Ms Fyles
14.19 Ms Boothby to Ms Fyles – Supplementary

14.19 Mr Potter to Mrs Manison
14.23 Mr Edgington to Ms Fyles
14.25 Mr Young to Ms Lawler
14.29 Mr Yan to Ms Fyles
14.33 Mr Bowden to Mr Kirby
14.36 Ms Purick to Mrs Worden
14.38 Mr Potter to Ms Lawler
14.42 Mrs Hersey to Ms Fyles
14.46 Mr Young to Mr Kirby
14.50 Mr Burgoyne to Ms Fyles
14.54 Mr Brown to Ms Uibo
14.58 Mr Potter to Mrs Manison

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

8. LIQUOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (OFFENCES) BILL 2023 (SERIAL 78)

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

Ms Uibo (continuation of remarks), Mr Yan, Mr Potter, Mr Edgington, Mrs Manison, Ms Lawler, Ms Moss, Mr Bowden, Mr Maley (in reply).

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 8	**Noes 15**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Bowden
Mr Edgington	Mr Brown
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Fyles
Mrs Hersey	Mr Guyula
Mr Maley	Mr Kirby
Ms Purick	Ms Lawler
Mr Yan	Mrs Manison
	Mr Monaghan
	Ms Moss
	Mr Paech
	Mr Potter
	Ms Uibo
	Mrs Worden
	Mr Young

Motion negatived.

Bill defeated.

9. MOTION: EDUCATION IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES

Resumption of debate on the motion moved by Mr Guyula:

> That failings in remote education are acknowledged by the Legislative Assembly as a current crisis that requires significant redesign through genuine consultation with local communities, and that the Legislative Assembly urges the Government to ensure that:
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> - All remote communities are properly consulted through a process that contracts community development workers to facilitate lengthy discussions over many days with local teachers, elders, leaders and community members in local languages.

- This process gives authority to communities so they can self-determine and propose education strategies, policies and programs that will benefit their children.
- This process acknowledges diversity across our communities and that different strategies are needed in different communities.

And on the amendment moved by Ms Lawler:

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

the complexities of Northern Territory education is acknowledged by the Legislative Assembly.

During the development of the 10 year Education Engagement Strategy 2022-2031 there was extensive consultation undertaken with local communities.

- All remote communities will continue to be consulted and engaged on how the Strategy is localised and implemented in their community and their region, including ongoing conversations with local teachers, elders, leaders and community members in local languages.
- The Community-Led Schools program gives authority to communities so they can self-determine and propose education strategies, policies and programs that will benefit their children.
- This process acknowledges diversity across our communities and that different strategies are needed in different communities.

Mr Paech (continuation of remarks), Ms Boothby, Mr Kirby, Mr Brown, Mr Guyula (in reply).

Question on the amendment put and passed.

Question on the motion as amended put and passed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Ms Fyles (Chief Minister) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Question put and passed.

Ms Fyles, Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Ah Kit.

Visitors: On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed members of the Northern Territory Thai Association present in the gallery.

Ms Uibo, Ms Moss, Ms Lawler, Mr Paech.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.54 until Thursday 19 October 2023 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Report 2021–2022

Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption, pursuant to section 69 of *Police (Special Investigative and Other Powers) Act 2015* (Paper 955)

Annual Reports 2022–2023

Development Consent Authority (Paper 957)

Northern Territory Police, Authorities for Assumed Identities, *Police (Special Investigative and Other Powers) Act 2015* (Paper 961)

Northern Territory Police, *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Registration) Act 2004* (Paper 960)

Northern Territory Police, *Liquor Act 2019*, Section 248 (Paper 963)

Northern Territory Police, *Liquor Act 2019*, Section 260 (Paper 962)

Northern Territory Police, Witness Identity Protection, *Police (Special Investigative and Other Powers) Act 2015* (Paper 964)

Northern Territory Police, *Terrorism (Emergency Powers) Act 2003* (Paper 958)

Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption, pursuant to section 69 of *Police (Special Investigative and Other Powers) Act 2015* (Paper 954)

Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption, *Surveillance Devices Act 2007*, pursuant to section 59(1A) (Paper 953)

Ombudsman NT, Report to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Controlled Operations, Compliance with *Police (Special Investigative and Other Powers) Act 2015* – Part 2, 2022–2023 (Paper 959)

Audit Act 1995

Independent Audit Report of the Northern Territory Auditor-General's Office for the year ended 30 June 2023 (Paper 956)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Mr Turner on leave.

MATHEW BATES
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly