NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 57
Wednesday 9 May 2018

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1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick, presided.

2. PRAYERS

3. ACKNOWLEGDEMENT OF COUNTRY

Ms Fyles delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 6 students from Marrara Christian College accompanied by their teachers, Michelle Hamburg and Adam Burgan.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

5. LIQUOR AMENDMENT (MINIMUM PRICING) BILL 2018 (SERIAL 55)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Liquor Act* and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 727) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 728).

Ms Fyles moved that the Bill be read a first time and delivered an explanatory speech.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles moved that the second reading of the Bill be made an order of the day for the first Assembly meeting after 30 days have elapsed.

Mr Wood, Mrs Lambley, Mr Gunner.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 17	**Noes 3**
Ms Ah Kit	Mrs Lambley
Mr Collins	Mr Mills
Mrs Finocchiaro	Mr Wood
Ms Fyles	
Mr Gunner	
Mr Higgins	
Mr Kirby	
Ms Lawler	
Ms Manison	
Mr McCarthy	

Ms Nelson
Mr Paech
Mr Sievers
Ms Uibo
Mr Vowles
Ms Wakefield
Mrs Worden

Motion agreed to.

6. MONETARY UNITS BILL 2018 (SERIAL 51)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish monetary units as a method of expressing an indexed amount of money for use under the *Local Courts (Criminal Procedure) Act* and such other legislation as may be determined and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 729) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 730).

Ms Fyles moved that the Bill be read a first time and delivered an explanatory speech.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Fyles moved that the second reading of the Bill be made an order of the day for the first Assembly meeting after 30 days have elapsed.

Question put and passed.

7. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5/6 students from Anula Primary School accompanied by their teachers Alisha Barriball, Lee-Anne Wilson and Michele Ellis.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

8. YOUTH JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018 (SERIAL 48)

Ms Wakefield moved the Bill to be read a second time.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Manison, Ms Lawler, Mr Wood.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.53 and 14.00.

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9. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Wood will move on the next General Business Day that Sessional Orders be amended by deleting clause 12.5(1)(c).

   (c) "that the second reading of the Bill be made an order of the day for the first Assembly meeting after 30 days have elapsed"

2. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will move on the next Meeting Day that the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly recommends the appointment of Mr Kenneth Charles Fleming QC as the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC) pursuant to the section 131(2) of the *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act*.

3. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal Amendment Bill 2018 (Serial 54).
4. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Monitoring of Places of Detention (Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture) Bill 2018 (Serial 53).
5. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Gaming Control Amendment Bill 2018 (Serial 52).
6. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business Day that this Assembly:
   - notes with concern the eroding freedoms that underpin the Territory lifestyle and;
   - calls on the Government to reduce both the size and reach of Government insofar as it adversely affects the lifestyles of Territorians.
7. Mr Guyula, pursuant to Standing Order 72, notified the Assembly of an amendment to General Business Notice Number 3 in his name, deleting all words after that and replacing with the following:

   The NT Legislative Assembly calls on the Northern Territory Government and the Federal Government to support and uphold the protection that has been provided in the Commonwealth Government's *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (ALRA) for Traditional Decision-Making processes to occur when entering into land use agreements, and that more broadly the NT Government recognises Traditional Decision-Making processes in all negotiations with Aboriginal people who still have the connections to these traditions, and will work to uphold these rights for Indigenous people of the Northern Territory.

10. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AGREED TO

Ms Fyles moved that a leave of absence for today be granted to Mr Costa due to personal reasons.

Motion agreed to.

11. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the President of the Nigerian Community of the Northern Territory, Mr Victor Okafor and Mr Stephen Okot, the President of the Sudanese Australian Association of the NT.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

12. QUESTIONS

14:03 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14:07 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner – Supplementary
14:08 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Wakefield
14:11 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14:14 Mr Higgins to Ms Fyles
14:17 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14:21 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison
14:24 Mr Guyula to Mr Gunner – Referred to Ms Fyles
14:26 Mrs Lambley to Ms Manison
14:30 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14:33 Mr Wood to Mr Vowles
14:36 Mr Guyula to Ms Lawler

14:40 Mr Wood to Mr McCarthy
14:44 Mr Higgins to Ms Wakefield
14:48 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Manison – Referred to Ms Lawler
14:52 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14:56 Mrs Lambley to Ms Manison

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the Assistant National Secretary Electrical Trades Union, Mr David Mier and Mr David Hayes, NT Electrical Trades Union Organiser.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

15:00 Mr Wood to Ms Lawler

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

Mr Gunner, pursuant to Standing Order 115, gave an answer to a question asked earlier during question time from Mr Higgins.

Ms Fyles, pursuant to Standing Order 115, gave an answer to a question asked earlier during question time from Mr Guyula.

13. MOTION: CASH FOR CONTAINERS AGREED TO

Mr Wood, pursuant to notice, moved:

That this Assembly supports the need for the promotion, rationalisation and nationalisation of the cash for containers scheme.

Ms Lawler, Mr Higgins, Mr McCarthy, Ms Uibo.

Paper Tabled: Ms Uibo, by leave, tabled Sea Swift Teams up with Remote NT Council on Recycling Initiative, Community News 27 October 2017 (Paper 731).

Mr McConnell, Mr Wood.

Question put and passed.

14. MOTION: EAST NUSA TENGGARA AND TIMOR-LESTE AGREED TO

Mr Mills, pursuant to notice, moved:

That this Parliament calls upon the Northern Territory Government to take practical steps to help build a stronger working relationship between the Northern Territory and the people of East Nusa Tenggara and Timor-Leste as outlined but not limited to those listed below:

These practical steps should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- promotes better transport links between Darwin and both Kupang and Dili;
- a strong focus on East Nusa Tenggara and Timor-Leste with the Arafura Games to build this strategy;
- revisit the successful Education exchanges of the past; teacher to teacher and school to school;
- foster increased understanding and mutual support of parliamentary members by developing a non-partisan three way parliamentary friendship group; and

- liaise directly with the NT Chamber of Commerce, the Australian Indonesia Business Council and through them the business organisations in East Nusa Tenggara and Timor-Leste.

Paper Tabled: Mr Mills, by leave, tabled Australia Indonesia Business Council, Developing a New Tourism Growth Region Northern Territory, East Timor, East Nusa Tenggara, by Terry Mills (Paper 732).

Mr Higgins, Mr Vowles, Ms Nelson, Mr Mills.

Question put and passed.

15. PAPER TABLED: OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER NORTHERN TERRITORY, OWN INITIATIVE INVESTIGATION REPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY TERRITORY FAMILIES AND CARER FC TO C2 AND C1, C3, C4 AND C5 – REDACTED FINAL REPORT, 14 FEBRUARY 2018

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) tabled Office of The Children's Commissioner Northern Territory, Own Initiative Investigation Report Services provided by Territory Families and carer FC to C2 and C1, C3, C4 and C5 – Redacted Final Report, 14 February 2018 (Paper 733) and made a statement.

Ms Wakefield.

Debate adjourned.

16. PAPER TABLED: OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER NORTHERN TERRITORY, OWN INITIATIVE INVESTIGATION REPORT INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE ALLEGED SEXUAL ASSAULT ON C1 AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE WF, FINAL REPORT 2 MAY 2018

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) tabled Office of the Children's Commissioner Northern Territory, Own Initiative Investigation Report into The Circumstances Surrounding the Alleged Sexual Assault on C1 and Services Provided to the WF, Final Report 2 May 2018 (Paper 734) and made a statement.

Ms Wakefield.

Debate adjourned.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Mr Gunner, Ms Lawler, Mr McConnell, Mr Kirby, Ms Nelson.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.42 until Thursday 10 May 2018 at 10.00.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Ms Moss and Mr Costa on leave

Michael Tatham

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly