NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 45
Wednesday 7 February 2018

1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. ACKNOWLEGDEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding Ministerial Reports.

5. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 6 students from Nakara Primary School accompanied by their teachers Gaetano Gugliotta, Tahlia Scheermeijer and Michelle Koulakis.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

6. PAPER TABLED: REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES REPORT ADOPTED

Ms Fyles (Chair of Committee of Privileges) tabled the Committee's Report on the Reference from the Legislative Assembly on 15 August 2017 (Paper 622) and made a statement.

Ms Fyles moved that the Assembly adopt the Report.

Mr Wood.

Question put and passed.

7. MOTION: TWO BILLS TO BE TAKEN TOGETHER AGREED TO

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business), pursuant to notice, moved that the Liquor Commission Bill 2018 (Serial 41) and Liquor Legislation Amendment (Licensing) Bill 2018 (Serial 42) be considered together through all stages, except for consideration in detail where they will be considered separately.

Mr Wood, Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed.

8. **LIQUOR COMMISSION BILL 2018 (SERIAL 41) AND LIQUOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (LICENSING) 2018 (SERIAL 42)**

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish the Northern Territory Liquor Commission, and for related purposes and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 623) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 624) and presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Liquor Act* and the *Liquor Regulations* and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 625) and the Human Rights Compatibility Statement (Paper 626).

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

Bills read a first time.

Ms Fyles moved that the Bills be declared urgent and delivered a statement.

Mr Wood.

By leave, Mrs Lambley and Ms Manison.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 18	**Noes 6**
Ms Ah Kit	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Collins	Mr Guyula
Mr Costa	Mr Higgins
Ms Fyles	Mrs Lambley
Mr Gunner	Mr Mills
Mr Kirby	Mr Wood
Ms Lawler	
Ms Manison	
Mr McCarthy	
Mr McConnell	
Ms Moss	
Ms Nelson	
Mr Paech	
Mr Sievers	
Ms Uibo	
Mr Vowles	
Ms Wakefield	
Mrs Worden	

Motion agreed to.

9. **MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT: BUILDING TERRITORY JOBS MOTION TO NOTE**

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

Ms Manison, Mr Vowles.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.56 and 14.00.

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10. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Fyles (Chair of the Committee of Privileges) will move on the next Meeting Day that the Assembly determines that Mr Luke Emmanuel has committed a contempt of the Assembly.
2. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill 2018 (Serial 43).
3. Mr Vowles (Minister for Primary Industry and Resources) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Animal Protection Bill 2018 (Serial 44).

11. VISITOR

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Mr Neil Bell, the former Member for MacDonnell.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitor.

12. QUESTIONS

14.00 Mr Higgins to Ms Fyles
14.02 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Vowles
14.04 Mrs Lambley to Ms Wakefield
14.08 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles

Visitor: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Jocelyn Uibo, the sister of Ms Uibo.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitor.

14.11 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.14 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner – Supplementary
14.16 Mr Guyula to Ms Fyles
14.19 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.24 Mr Wood to Mr McCarthy
14.26 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.30 Mrs Lambley to Ms Moss
14.34 Mr Mills to Mr Gunner
14.37 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.41 Mr Guyula to Ms Manison
14.45 Mr Higgins to Ms Wakefield
14.48 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14.52 Mr Wood to Mr McCarthy
14.56 Mr Mills to Mr Gunner

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

13. MOTION: TAX BURDEN AND COST OF LIVING AS AMENDED AGREED TO

Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved:

That the Assembly:

- notes with concern the release of the Government's Revenue Discussion Paper on 14 November 2017;

- implores the Government not to increase the tax burden and cost-of-living of Territorians and look to their expenditures instead;
- recognises that a land tax will adversely affect all Territorians, not just those who own property by driving up the cost of living and the cost of doing business in the Northern Territory;
- recognises that payroll tax is a direct tax on jobs and any increase will inhibit job creation in the Northern Territory; and
- recognises that a bank tax will result in higher bank fees and charges, less return for savers, and will cripple the fledgling finance sector in the Northern Territory.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Mrs Faye Miller, the Mayor of Katherine, and Mr Steve Edgington, the Mayor of Tennant Creek.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Ms Manison moved the following amendment:

That all words after the word 'notes' be replaced with:

- the release of the government's revenue discussion paper on 14 November 2017;
- implores the government not to follow the mistakes of the previous CLP government who massively increased power and water prices and sold valuable public assets like TIO and The Port;
- calls on all members to lobby the federal government to ensure the territory gets its fair share of the GST and Commonwealth funding and that they match the 10 ear remote housing investment;
- recognises that Territorians are doing it tough and that jobs need to be the number one priority of the government; and
- recognises that budget discipline and a stable, sustainable and fair revenue base will enable the government to create jobs, attract investment and pay for the vital education, health and community safety services that Territorians deserve.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved the following amendment:

That all words after the word '2017' be replaced with:

- calls on the government to justify the propositions in its revenue discussion paper, rather than stifling debate.

Mrs Lambley, Mr Collins, Mr Wood, Mr Higgins.

Amendment moved by Ms Manison put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 17	**Noes 4**
Ms Ah Kit	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Collins	Mr Guyula
Mr Costa	Mr Higgins
Ms Fyles	Mr Mills
Mr Kirby	
Ms Lawler	
Ms Manison	
Mr McCarthy	
Mr McConnell	

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

Amendment agreed to.

Amendment moved by Mrs Finocchiaro put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 4	**Noes 17**
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Guyula	Mr Collins
Mr Higgins	Mr Costa
Mr Mills	Ms Fyles
	Mr Kirby
	Ms Lawler
	Ms Manison
	Mr McCarthy
	Mr McConnell
	Ms Moss
	Ms Nelson
	Mr Paech
	Mr Sievers
	Ms Uibo
	Mr Vowles
	Ms Wakefield
	Mrs Worden

Amendment not agreed to.

Question that the motion as amended be agreed to.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 17	**Noes 4**
Ms Ah Kit	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Collins	Mr Guyula
Mr Costa	Mr Higgins
Ms Fyles	Mr Mills
Mr Kirby	
Ms Lawler	
Ms Manison	
Mr McCarthy	
Mr McConnell	
Ms Moss	
Ms Nelson	
Mr Paech	
Mr Sievers	
Ms Uibo	
Mr Vowles	
Ms Wakefield	
Mrs Worden	

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

14. MOTION: GOVERNMENT INCOMPETENCE NOT AGREED TO

Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved:

That this Assembly condemns the Government for:

- the stagnation of the Northern Territory economy and the continuing decline in business confidence;
- the inability of the Government to keep Territorians safe; and
- the lack of meaningful consultation with Territorians on matters that are important to them.

Ms Manison, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Mills, Mr Wood, Mr Higgins.

Question that the motion be agreed to.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 3	**Noes 17**
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Guyula	Mr Collins
Mr Higgins	Mr Costa
	Ms Fyles
	Mr Kirby
	Ms Lawler
	Ms Manison
	Mr McCarthy
	Mr McConnell
	Ms Moss
	Ms Nelson
	Mr Paech
	Mr Sievers
	Ms Uibo
	Mr Vowles
	Ms Wakefield
	Mrs Worden

Motion not agreed to.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Ms Lawler, Ms Moss, Ms Wakefield, Mr Paech, Ms Nelson.

Paper Tabled: Ms Nelson, by leave, tabled letters from five Katherine constituents, regarding unconventional shale extraction (fracking) and calling for it to be permanently banned throughout the Northern Territory (Paper 637).

Ms Uibo, Mr Kirby, Mr McConnell, Mr McCarthy.

The Assembly adjourned at 8.21 until Thursday 8 February 2018 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Reports 2016-2017:

Electrical Workers and Contractors Licensing Board, 2016-2017 (Paper 627).
Jabiru Town Development Authority, 2016-2017 (Paper 628).
Public Trustee for the Northern Territory, 2016-2017 (Paper 629).

Corrigendum:
Report to the Legislative Assembly in the Matter of the Coroner's Findings and Recommendations regarding the death of Ms Heather Fotiades (refer to tabled paper 423 on 11 October 2018) (Paper 633).

Professional Standards Act 1994 (NSW):
Instrument amending the New South Wales Bar Association Scheme (Paper 630).
Instrument amending the Australian Property Institute Valuers Limited Scheme (Paper 631).

***Professional Standards Act 2004* (SA):**
Instrument amending the Law Society of South Australia Professional Standards Scheme (Paper 632).

Gaming Control Act:
Agreement, Conduct of Internet Gaming Business, between The Attorney-General for the Northern Territory of Australia and The Treasurer for the Northern Territory of Australian and Multi-Media Lotteries Pty Ltd, dated 23 November 2017 (Paper 634).
Agreement, Conduct of Mail Order Lottery Business, between The Attorney-General for the Northern Territory of Australia and The Treasurer for the Northern Territory of Australian and Multi-Media Lotteries Pty Ltd, 23 November 2017 (Paper 635).

Review:
Annual Review of the *Serious Crime Control Act* (Paper 636).

ATTENDANCE
All Members attended the meeting.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly