**Northern Territory of Australia**
**Legislative Assembly**

**Minutes of Proceedings**

**Meeting Number 17**
**Wednesday 26 March 2025**

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**1. MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY**

The Assembly met at 10.00 am. The Speaker, the Honourable Robyn Lambley, took the Chair, read the prayer and delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

**2. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT**

The Speaker advised of the rules of debate and unparliamentary language.

**3. VISITORS**

On behalf of all members, the Speaker welcomed students and teachers from Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School present in the gallery.

**4. DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AND VICTIMS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025 (SERIAL 22)**

Ms Boothby (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Domestic and Family Violence Act 2007*, the Domestic and Family Violence Regulations 2008, the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2006*, the *Victims of Crime Rights and Services Act 2006* and the Victims of Crime Rights and Services Regulations 2010, and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 233).

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Boothby moved that the Bill be referred to the Legislative Scrutiny Committee for report by 7 May 2025.

Mr Paech.

Question put and passed.

**5. MINISTERIAL REPORT: 2025 FEDERAL BUDGET**

Mr Yan (Treasurer) delivered a report regarding the 2025 Federal Budget and moved the report be noted.

Ms Uibo.

**Paper Tabled**: Ms Uibo, by leave, tabled: Letter addressed to Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion MP advising the Territory's position on future arrangements for land tenure in Jabiru, dated 8 December 2015, from David Tollner, Minister for Lands and Planning (Paper 234).

Mr Maley.

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Mr Edgington, Mr Burgoyne, Mr Paech, Mr Mackay, Ms Boothby, Mrs Zio, Mr Kerle.

Debate interrupted.

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**Suspension of Meeting**: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 12 noon and 2.00 pm.

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## 6. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Burgoyne (Minister for Water Resources) will present on the next meeting day a Bill titled Water Amendment (Aboriginal Water Reserves) Bill 2025 (Serial 21).

2. Mr Burgoyne (Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment) will present on the next meeting day a Bill titled Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 (Serial 23).

## 7. QUESTIONS

2.00 Mr Paech to Ms Boothby
2.04 Mrs Carlson to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.08 Ms Uibo to Ms Cahill
2.12 Mr O'Gallagher to Mr Maley
2.16 Mr Brown to Ms Cahill
2.19 Mrs Zio to Mr Yan
2.23 Mr Young to Mr Edgington
2.27 Mr Mackay to Mr Edgington
2.31 K McNamara to Ms Boothby
2.36 K McNamara to Ms Boothby – Supplementary
2.38 Mr Howe to Mr Yan

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**Visitors**: On behalf of all members, the Speaker welcomed participants from the OCPE Foundations of Public Sector Governance program present in the gallery.

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2.43 Mr Guyula to Ms Boothby
2.47 Dr Rahman to Mr Edgington
2.51 J Davis to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.56 Mr Patel to Ms Boothby
3.00 Mr Brown to Mr Edgington, redirected to Mr Yan

Mr Yan asked that further questions be placed on the Written Question Paper.

**8. MOTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**

Ms Uibo, pursuant to notice, moved:

That the Assembly:

- Acknowledges the outstanding work done by the private sector in developing a portfolio of projects valued at over $57 billion spanning critical sectors such as minerals and resources digital innovation, renewable energy and agribusiness.
- Commends the 2024-25 Northern Territory's infrastructure program for its significant contributions to building a better Territory, fostering economic development, and improving the quality of life for all Territorians.

Mr Yan.

**Paper Tabled**: Mr Yan tabled: Report, Over the Horizon – Opportunities, Darwin Major Business Group 2025 Update, AEC Group Pty Ltd, March 2025 (Paper 235).

Mr Paech, Dr Rahman, K McNamara.

**Paper Tabled**: K McNamara, by leave, tabled: Report, Recharging the Territory, How the Northern Territory can create thousands of jobs, lower the cost of living, and embrace the renewable revolution, Environmental Centre NT Inc, February 2024 (Paper 236).

Mr O'Gallagher, Mr Kerle, Mr Young, Mr Howe, Mr Edgington, Mr Mackay.

Question, that the motion be agreed to, put and the Assembly divided:

**Ayes 6**

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| Mr Brown | J Davis | K McNamara | Mr Paech |
| Ms Uibo | Mr Young | | |

**Noes 17**

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| Ms Boothby | Mr Burgoyne | Ms Cahill | Mrs Carlson |
| Mr Charls | Mr Edgington | Mrs Finocchiaro | Mrs Hersey |
| Mr Howe | Mr Kerle | Mr Mackay | Mr Maley |
| Mr O'Gallagher | Mr Patel | Dr Rahman | Mr Yan |
| Mrs Zio | | | |

Motion negatived.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Edgington (Leader of Government Business) moved that the Assembly do now adjourn.

J Davis.

**Paper Tabled**: J Davis, by leave, tabled: Open Letter, Letter addressed to the Chief Minister, Lia Finocchiaro and all incumbent CLP MLAs, from frontline workers against mandatory sentencing (Paper 237).

Mr Paech, Dr Rahman, K McNamara.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned at 7.40 pm until Thursday 27 March at 10.00 am.

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**ATTENDANCE**
All members attended the meeting.



RUSSELL KEITH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly