NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 83
Thursday 21 March 2019

1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mr Wood 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 5 and 6 students from Anula Primary School accompanied by their teachers.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

5. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AGREED TO

Mrs Finocchiaro moved that a leave of absence for today be granted to Mr Higgins due to personal reasons.

Motion agreed to.

6. CRIMINAL CODE FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2019 (SERIAL 87): BILL AGREED TO

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

Ms Fyles, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Wood, Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

By leave, on the motion of Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

7. YOUTH JUSTICE AMENDMENT BILL 2019 (SERIAL 84)

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

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Wood.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5 and 6 students from Anula Primary School accompanied by their teachers.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Mrs Lambley, Mr Collins, Ms Wakefield.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved to consider the Bill in detail.

Consideration in detail suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.55 and 14.00.

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8. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding the Top End Gran Fondo.

9. QUESTIONS

14.01 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of students from Nungalinya College accompanied by their lecturer Annette Anderson.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

14.05 Mr Costa to Mr Gunner
14.09 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Manison
14.13 Ms Ah Kit to Mr Kirby
14.17 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.20 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner – Supplementary
14.21 Mr Paech to Ms Moss
14.25 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.28 Mrs Worden to Ms Fyles
14.32 Mr Collins to Mr Gunner
14.34 Mr Sievers to Mr McCarthy
14.38 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14.42 Ms Ah Kit to Ms Uibo
14.45 Mr Mills to Mr Gunner
14.49 Mrs Worden to Ms Lawler
14.52 Mr McConnell to Mr Gunner
14.56 Ms Nelson to Ms Wakefield
14.59 Mr Wood to Mr Kirby

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

10. YOUTH JUSTICE AMENDMENT BILL 2019 (SERIAL 84): BILL AGREED TO

Resumption of consideration in detail.

Clause 1 considered.

Clause 1 stands as printed.

Clauses 2 and 3 considered together.

Clauses 2 and 3 stand as printed.

Clause 4 considered.

Clause 4 stands as printed.

Clause 5 considered.

Clause 5 stands as printed.

Clause 6 considered.

Clause 6 stands as printed.

Clause 7 considered.

Clause 7 stands as printed.

Clause 8 considered.

Clause 8 stands as printed.

Clause 9 considered.

Clause 9 stands as printed.

Clause 10 considered.

Clause 10 stands as printed.

Clause 11 considered.

Clause 11 stands as printed.

Remainder of the Bill considered together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

On the motion of Ms Wakefield (Ministerial for Territory Families), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

11. PUBLIC INFORMATION LEGISATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018 (SERIAL 77): BILL AGREED TO

Mr Gunner moved the Bill to be read a second time.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Lambley, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Wood, Ms Nelson, Mr Gunner.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 3 considered together.

Clauses 1 to 3 stand as printed.

Clause 4 considered.

Mr Gunner moved the following amendment:

Clause 4(1)

omit, insert

(1) Section 6(2)

omit

the content of the information

insert

one or more of the following applies to the information

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 14	**Noes 5**
Ms Ah Kit	Mr Collins
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Gunner	Mrs Lambley
Mr Kirby	Mr McConnell
Ms Lawler	Mr Mills
Mr McCarthy	
Ms Manison	
Ms Moss	
Ms Nelson	
Mr Paech	
Mr Sievers	
Ms Uibo	
Ms Wakefield	
Mrs Worden	

Pairs: Mr Higgins and Mr Costa

Amendment agreed to.

On the question that Clause 4 as amended stands.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 14	**Noes 5**
Ms Ah Kit	Mr Collins
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Gunner	Mrs Lambley
Mr Kirby	Mr McConnell
Ms Lawler	Mr Mills
Mr McCarthy	
Ms Manison	
Ms Moss	
Ms Nelson	
Mr Paech	
Mr Sievers	
Ms Uibo	
Ms Wakefield	
Mrs Worden	

Pairs: Mr Higgins and Mr Costa

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 4 considered.

Mr Gunner moved the following amendment:

Clause 4(6), proposed section 6(7), definition *advertisement*

omit, insert

advertisement means an advertisement published by the purchase of media placement under a commercial arrangement, including the purchase of media placement:

(a) in traditional forms of paid advertising; or

(b) on social media platforms; or

(c) in other digital communication channels; or

(d) on signage associated with Government funded construction projects.

*Example for definition **advertisement**, paragraph (a)*

Advertising through television, cinema, radio, newspaper, journal or other publications.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 4 as amended stands.

Clause 5 considered.

Clause 5 stands as printed.

Clause 6 considered.

Mr Gunner moved the following amendment:

Clause 6, proposed regulation 3, paragraphs (a) to (k)

omit, insert

(a) maximises compliance with the laws of the Territory;

(b) achieves awareness of a new or amended law;

(c) improves public safety or personal security;

(d) encourages responsible behaviour;

(e) preserves order in the event of an emergency;

(f) promotes awareness of rights, responsibilities, duties or entitlements;

(g) encourages usage of, or familiarity with, government products or services;

(h) informs the public of new, existing or proposed government programs, policies or projects;

(i) reports on performance in relation to government undertakings;

(j) communicates functions of government;

(k) communicates on matters of social cohesion, civic pride, community spirit or tolerance.

Examples for paragraph (j)

Education campaigns, recruitment, community engagement, expressions of interest and future plans.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 14	**Noes 6**
Ms Ah Kit	Mr Collins
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Gunner	Mrs Lambley
Mr Kirby	Mr McConnell
Ms Lawler	Mr Mills
Mr McCarthy	Mr Wood
Ms Manison	
Ms Moss	

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

Pairs: Mr Higgins and Mr Costa

Amendment agreed to.

On the question that Clause 6 as amended stands.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 14	**Noes 5**
Ms Ah Kit	Mr Collins
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Gunner	Mrs Lambley
Mr Kirby	Mr McConnell
Ms Lawler	Mr Mills
Mr McCarthy	
Ms Manison	
Ms Moss	
Ms Nelson	
Mr Paech	
Mr Sievers	
Ms Uibo	
Ms Wakefield	
Mrs Worden	

Pairs: Mr Higgins and Mr Costa

Clause 6 agreed to with amendments.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill as amended agreed to.

Question that the Bill be read a third time put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 14	**Noes 5**
Ms Ah Kit	Mr Collins
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Gunner	Mrs Lambley
Mr Kirby	Mr McConnell
Ms Lawler	Mr Mills
Mr McCarthy	
Ms Manison	
Ms Moss	
Ms Nelson	
Mr Paech	
Mr Sievers	
Ms Uibo	
Ms Wakefield	
Mrs Worden	

Pairs: Mr Higgins and Mr Costa.

Question agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Gunner (Chief Minister), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

12. PAPER TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled: Members' Statement of Registrable Interests March 2019 (Paper 1146).

13. PAPER TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled: Auditor-General's Report to the Legislative Assembly March 2019 (Paper 1147).

Ms Fyles moved that the Assembly take note of the report.

Leave was granted for Ms Fyles to continue her remarks at a later time.

14. PAPER TABLED: ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL REPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – FIRST PROGRESS REPORT

Ms Wakefield (Minister for Territory Families) tabled: Royal Commission into Institutional Reponses to Child Sexual Abuse – First Progress Report (Paper 1148).

Ms Wakefield moved that the Assembly take note of the report.

Leave was granted for Ms Wakefield to continue her remarks at a later time.

15. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE, AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

The Assembly deferred consideration of the following reports:

1. *Public Accounts Committee Inquiry into Taxi Licensing and Subleasing Report* (Paper 554).
2. *Auditor-General for the Northern Territory, November 2017, Report to the Legislative Assembly (Paper 580).*
3. *Auditor-General for the Northern Territory, March 2018, Report to the Legislative Assembly* (Paper 677).
4. *Auditor-General for the Northern Territory, November 2018, Report to the Legislative Assembly* (Paper 1017).

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ms Fyles, Mr Collins, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Mills.

Visitors: The Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Rick and Mary Hines from Kansas.

On behalf of all Members the Deputy Speaker welcomed the visitors.

Ms Moss, Mr McConnell, Mr Kirby, Ms Nelson.

Paper Tabled: Ms Nelson, by leave, tabled: Strongly believe we should have an inside play centre in Katherine (Paper 1149).

Ms Wakefield, Ms Uibo, Ms Lawler, Ms Purick, Mr Paech.

Paper Tabled: Mr Paech by leave, tabled on behalf of Ms Uibo: Investing in Generational Change From Little Things, Big Things STEM (Paper 1150).

The Assembly adjourned at 19.36 until Tuesday 7 May 2019 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 239 the following paper was deemed tabled:

Annual Report 2017–2018
AustralAsia Railway Corporation (Paper 1144).

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Mr Higgins.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly