NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 22
Thursday 13 May 2021

1. MEETING
The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Ngaree Ah Kit, presided.

2. PRAYERS
Mr Bowden read the prayer.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
Mr Guyula delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT
The Speaker made a statement regarding a ruling given on offensive words used in the Chamber.

5. MOTION: SELECT COMMITTEE ON POLICE ATTRITION RATE
Mrs Finocchiaro (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved:

That this Assembly:

1. In accordance with Standing Order 180 the Assembly appoints a Select Committee to investigate the Territory's high police attrition rates and how to improve police retention rates.
2. The Committee must consider:
    a. Reasons members leave the force;
    b. NT attrition rates comparative to other jurisdictions;
    c. The impact of overtime, under recruiting, resourcing, housing and infrastructure;
    d. Length of service before separation;
    e. Trust between members and Government;
    f. Job satisfaction; and
    g. Employee services.
3. The Committee must report to the Assembly by the last Meeting Day of March 2022.
4. The membership of the Committee will be two Opposition Members, three Government Members and one Independent to be nominated to the Speaker in writing by the relevant Whip and the Independent Member.

Mrs Manison, Mr Maley, Mr Edgington.

Debate suspended.

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

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6. QUESTIONS

14.00 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.04 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner – Supplementary
14.05 Mr Monaghan to Mr Gunner
14.08 Mr Maley to Ms Uibo
14.13 Mr Costa to Ms Uibo

Paper Tabled: Ms Uibo (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) tabled: Information, Keeping people in the bush informed about critical information regarding the pandemic COVID-19 (Paper 260).

14.17 Mr Sloan to Ms Lawler
14.21 Mr Edgington to Mr Paech
14.27 Mr Bowden to Ms Lawler

Paper Tabled: Ms Lawler (Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics) tabled: Letter, to Hon. Eva Lawler, Outcomes of the Australian Government's 2021-2022 Budget in relation to continued investment in Infrastructure, from Hon. Michael McCormack MP Deputy Prime Minister with Attachment, Northern Territory National Partnership Agreement on Land Transport Infrastructure – Budget 2021-22 Schedule, dated 11 May 2021 (Paper 261).

14.31 Mr Monaghan to Mr Kirby
14.34 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.38 Mr Guyula to Mrs Worden
14.42 Mr Monaghan to Mrs Manison
14.45 Mr Yan to Mr Paech
14.49 Mr Costa to Ms Moss
14.52 Mrs Hersey to Ms Lawler
14.55 Mr Monaghan to Mrs Worden
14.58 Ms Purick to Mrs Worden

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

Mrs Manison, pursuant to Standing Order 115, gave an answer to a question asked on a previous day during question time from Mrs Finocchiaro.

7. MOTION: SELECT COMMITTEE ON POLICE ATTRITION RATE NOT AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the question:

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Mr Edgington, Ms Boothby.

Mr Paech moved that the question be put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 11	**Noes 10**
Mr Bowden	Ms Boothby
Mr Costa	Mr Edgington
Mr Gunner	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Kirby	Mr Guyula
Ms Lawler	Mrs Hersey
Mrs Manison	Mrs Lambley
Mr Monaghan	Mr Maley
Ms Moss	Ms Purick
Mr Paech	Mr Sloan
Ms Uibo	Mr Yan
Mrs Worden	

Pairs: Ms Fyles and Mr Burgoyne.

Motion agreed to.

On the question that the motion be agreed to.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 10	**Noes 12**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Edgington	Mr Bowden
Mrs Finocchiaro	Mr Costa
Mr Guyula	Mr Gunner
Mrs Hersey	Mr Kirby
Mrs Lambley	Ms Lawler
Mr Maley	Mrs Manison
Ms Purick	Mr Monaghan
Mr Sloan	Ms Moss
Mr Yan	Mr Paech
	Ms Uibo
	Mrs Worden

Pairs: Ms Fyles and Mr Burgoyne.

Motion not agreed to.

8. STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (TERRITORY ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION) BILL 2021 (SERIAL 26)

Ms Uibo (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Associations Act 2003*, the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act 1991*, the *Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Act 1990*, the Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading (Motor Vehicle Dealers) Regulations 1992, the *Crown Lands Act 1992*, the *Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Act 2011*, the Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Regulations 2011, the *Food Act 2004*, the Gaming Control (Licensing) Regulations 1995, the *Liquor Act 2019*, the Minibus Regulations 1998, the *Pastoral Land Act 1992*, the *Place Names Act 1967*, the *Planning Act 1999*, the Planning Regulations 2000, the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1976*, the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation By-laws 1984, the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998*, the Waste Management and Pollution Control (Administration) Regulations 1998, the *Water Act 1992* and the Water Regulations 1992 and to repeal the Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading (Tow Truck Operators Code of Practice) Regulations 1996, to implement certain recommendations of the Territory Economic Reconstruction Commission and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Uibo (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) moved that the Bill be read a second time, delivered a Second Reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 262).

Mr Edgington moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

9. MOTION: APPOINTMENT OF ICAC COMMISSIONER AGREED TO

Mr Gunner (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, moved:

That the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly recommends the appointment of Mr Michael Riches as the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption, the ICAC, pursuant to section 113(2) of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2017.

Paper Tabled: Mr (Chief Minister) tabled: Appointment of a new Independent Commissioner Against Corruption, Michael Ashley Riches Curriculum Vitae (Paper 263).

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Lambley, Mr Gunner.

Question put and passed.

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 20): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mr Sloan, Mrs Lambley, Mrs Worden, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Paech.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved to consider the Bill in detail.

Clause 1 considered.

Clause 1 stands as printed.

Clause 2 considered.

Clause 2 stands as printed.

Clause 3 considered.

Clause 3 stands 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.

New Clause after Clause 6 considered.

Mr Paech moved the following amendment:

After clause 6

insert

6A Section 137 amended (Resolution for mandatory postal vote election)

Section 137(2)

omit

56(3)

insert

56(7)

Question put and passed.

Amendment agreed to.

New Clause 6A inserted.

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.

Clause 12 considered.

Clause 12 stands as printed.

Clause 13 considered.

Clause 13 stands as printed.

Clause 14 considered.

Clause 14 stands as printed.

Clause 15 considered.

Clause 15 stands as printed.

Clause 16 considered.

Clause 16 stands as printed.

Clause 17 considered.

Clause 17 stands as printed.

Clause 18 considered.

Clause 18 stands as printed.

Clause 19 considered.

Clause 19 stands as printed.

Clause 20 considered.

Clause 20 stands as printed.

Clause 21 considered.

Clause 21 stands as printed.

Clause 22 considered.

Clause 22 stands as printed.

Clause 23 considered.

Clause 23 stands as printed.

New Clause after Clause 23 considered.

Mr Paech moved the following amendment:

After clause 23

insert

23A Schedule 5 amended (Other legislation amended)

Schedule 5, entry for *Planning Act 1999*

omit, insert

Planning Act 1999

section 3(1), definitions ***local authority*** and ***Local Government Association***		whole definition	
section 3(1)			***prescribed corporation*** means the corporation prescribed under section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.
section definition	3(1),	local authority under section 187(3) of the	local government council under

consolidation, paragraph (d)	*Local Government Act 2008*	section 272(3) of the *Local Government Act 2019*
	the local authority	the local government council
section 3(1), definition ***council area***	*2008*	*2019*
section 3(1), definitions ***development***, paragraph (c)(iv)(A) and ***statutory corporation***	local authority	local government council
section 5(2)(a)(ii)	*2008*	*2019*
section 5(2)(a)(iii)	local authority under section 187(3) of the *Local Government Act 2008*	local government council under section 272(3) of the *Local Government Act 2019*
section 19, heading	**local authority**	**local government council**
sections 19(1), (2) and (3), 22(4), (5), (7)(a) and (b) and (9) and 25(5)	local authority	local government council
section 30H, heading	**local authority**	**local government council**
sections 30H(1) and (3), 30M(4) and (5) 30X(2)(b) and (4), 30Y(2)(b) and (4), and 30Z(2)(b) and (4)	local authority (*all references*)	local government council
section 48, heading	**local authority**	**local government council**
sections 48(1) and (2) and 49(3), (6) and (7)	local authority (*all references*)	local government council
section 50(2)	local authority	local government council
	the authority	the council
sections 50(5), 53A(2)(b) and (4), 53B(2)(b) and (4), 53C(1)(b) and (3) and 60(1)(e)	local authority (*all references*)	local government council

section 64(3)	*2008*	*2019*
section 68(1), (2), (3)(a), (5) and (7)	local authority (*all references*)	local government council
section 69(2)	local authority	local government council
	local authority's	local government council's
sections 70(5) and (6) and 71(2)(b)	local authority	local government council
section 71(3)	local authority	local government council
	the authority	the council or the authority
section 72, heading	**local authority**	**local government council**
sections 72(1) and (2) and 73(1) and (3)	local authority	local government council
section 73(2)(b)(ii)	local authority	local government council
	2008	*2019*
section 74	local authority (*all references*)	local government council
section 81F(1)(e) and (3)	Local Government Association	prescribed corporation
section 81H(1)(c)	Local Government Association	prescribed corporation
	the Association	the corporation
sections 83(3), 89(1)(a) and (b) and (3), 91(1), (3) and (4) and 92(2) and (4), 98A(1), (2) and (3), 100A(2)(c) and (3), 115(3)(a) and (b) and (5)(b), 117(1AA) to (3), 118A(c)	local authority (*all references*)	local government council
section 120, heading	**Authorities**	**Authorities and local government councils**
sections 120(2), 130(5)(a) and (b) and (6)	local authority	local government council

Question put and passed.

Amendment agreed to.

New Clause 23A inserted.

Clause 24 considered.

Clause 24 stands as printed.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill as amended agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Paech (Minister for Local Government), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

11. LAND TITLE AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 19): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mr Edgington, Mr Paech, Ms Uibo.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved to consider the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 3 considered together.

Clauses 1 to 3 stand as printed.

Clause 4 considered.

Ms Uibo moved the following amendment:

Clause 4

omit

information

Question put and passed.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 4 as amended stands.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill as amended agreed to.

On the motion of Ms Uibo (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

12. RESPONSE TO PETITION

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 123, tabled a response to Petition Number 6 requesting the provision of a cyclone shelter for residents of the Dundee to Annie River Estate Area (Paper 264).

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Paech (Acting Leader of Government Business), moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Mr Gunner, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Bowden, Mr Guyula, Ms Boothby, Mrs Worden.

Paper Tabled: Mrs Worden (Ministerial for Territory Families) tabled: DFSV – Output Commonwealth/NTG funding split (Paper 265).

Ms Moss, Mr Paech, Ms Ah Kit.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.40 until Thursday 24 June 2021 at 14.30.

DEEMED PAPER

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

Northern Territory of Australia Remuneration Tribunal

Report and Determination No. 1 of 2021 – Entitlements of salary, allowances and conditions of employment for Electorate Office staff of Members of the Legislative Assembly (Paper 259).

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Ms Fyles and Mr Burgoyne on leave.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly