NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 39
Tuesday 22 March 2022

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1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mr Paech 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 7, 8 and 9 students from Batchelor Area School accompanied by their teacher.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of the following Message from Her Honour the Administrator (Paper 499).

Message Number 13

Assent to Proposed Laws

I, VICKI O'HALLORAN AO, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, advise the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 7 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, of the assent to the following proposed laws:

1 March 2022

Transport Legislation Amendment Act 2022 (Act No. 1 of 2022)
Justice Legislation Amendment (Electronic Documents) Act 2022 (Act No. 2 of 2022)

Dated 7 March 2022.

6. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding remote participation in meetings of the Assembly.

7. PAPER TABLED: PETITION REPORT FROM PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

The Speaker tabled a response from the Public Accounts Committee regarding Petition Number 1, dated 23 March 2022 (Paper 500).

8. PETITION REPORT FROM PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE NOTED

The Clerk advised receipt of a report from the Public Accounts Committee regarding Petition Number 1 concerning redesigning the priority school enrolment zones in Alice Springs.

Mr Burgoyne moved the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.

9. MOTION: APPOINTMENT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE ON CRIME IN CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Mrs Lambley, pursuant to notice, moved:

1. In accordance with Standing Order 180, the Assembly appoints a select committee to inquire into the problem of escalating crime in Alice Springs and Central Australia and strategies for dealing with crime, with particular reference to what is working and what is not working.

   Specifically the Select Committee will look at:

   a. Why crime has escalated in Central Australia over the past 2 years
   b. Policing in Central Australia – allocation of resources, policy and procedure
   c. Alcohol Policy in Central Australia – what is working and what is not working
   d. NT Government services and NT Government funded services that work with juvenile and adult offenders – what is working and what is not working
   e. Prevention of crime – what is working and what is not working
   f. Community participation in maintaining the safety of Central Australia
   g. Community participation in helping youth
   h. Community participation in the solutions to crime

2. That the Select Committee will recommend a range of initiatives, strategies and reforms designed to address crime in Central Australia and pave a way forward for the next 3-5 years.
3. The committee must report to the Assembly by the last sitting day before the end of May 2022
4. The membership of the committee will be three Government members, two Opposition members and one Independent member.

Paper Tabled: Mrs Lambley tabled, by leave: Letter to Hon. Michael Gunner, Member for Fannie Bay, Motion for the creation of Select Parliamentary Committee, from Mrs Robyn Lambley, Member for Araluen, dated 17 March 2022 (Paper 501).

Mrs Manison, Mr Burgoyne, Mr Paech.

Debate suspended.

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

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10. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Fyles (Minister for Health) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Public and Environmental Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (Serial 45)
2. Mr Yan (Member for Namatjira) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Public and Environmental Health Amendment (Emergency Reporting) Bill 2022 (Serial 44)

11. MOTION: REORDER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS AGREED TO

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business), pursuant to Standing Order 59, moved that on Wednesday 23 March 2022 precedence will be given to the condolence motion at 10.00 am followed by Government Business.

Question put and passed.

12. QUESTIONS

14.02 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.02 Mr Monaghan to Mr Gunner
14.06 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.08 Mr Costa to Mr Paech
14.11 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.16 Mr Young to Ms Lawler
14.21 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.21 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner – Supplementary
14.23 Mr Bowden to Ms Fyles
14.27 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.30 Mr Costa to Mrs Worden
14.34 Mr Guyula to Ms Uibo
14.37 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.39 Mr Monaghan to Mrs Manison
14.43 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.52 Mr Young to Ms Uibo
14.56 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner

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

13. MOTION: APPOINTMENT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE ON CRIME IN CENTRAL AUSTRALIA NOT AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the question the motion be agreed to.

Mr Paech, Ms Purick, Mr Yan, Mr Edgington.

Visitor: The Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the Hon. Alex Hawke MP, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs.

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

Exclusion from Chamber: The Deputy Speaker ordered Mrs Lambley (Member for Araluen) to leave the Chamber for one hour pursuant to Standing Order 49.

Member Named: Pursuant to Standing Order 50, the Deputy Speaker named the Member for Araluen.

Debate resumed.

Mr Maley.

Suspension after Naming: Pursuant to Standing Order 51, the Deputy Speaker put the question that the Member for Araluen be suspended from the service of the Assembly.

Ayes 15	**Noes 9**
Ms Ah Kit	Ms Boothby
Mr Bowden	Mr Burgoyne
Mr Costa	Mr Edgington
Ms Fyles	Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Gunner	Mrs Hersey
Mr Kirby	Mrs Lambley
Ms Lawler	Mr Maley
Mrs Manison	Ms Purick
Mr Monaghan	Mr Yan
Ms Moss	
Mr Paech	
Mr Turner	
Ms Uibo	
Mrs Worden	
Mr Young	

Period of Suspension: Pursuant to Standing Order 52, Mrs Lambley (Member for Araluen) was suspended from the service of the Assembly for a period of 24 hours.

Debate resumed.

Mrs Finocchiaro.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 9	**Noes 15**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Bowden
Mr Edgington	Mr Costa
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Fyles
Mr Guyula	Mr Gunner
Mrs Hersey	Mr Kirby
Mr Maley	Ms Lawler
Ms Purick	Mrs Manison
Mr Yan	Mr Monaghan
	Ms Moss
	Mr Paech

Mr Turner
Ms Uibo
Mrs Worden
Mr Young

Motion not agreed to.

14. STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT (TERRITORY ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION) BILL 2022 (SERIAL 42): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mr Edgington, Mrs Manison, Mr Young, Mrs Worden, Mr Monaghan, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Kirby, Mr Maley, Mr Paech, Ms Uibo.

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.

Clauses 3 to 8 considered.

Clauses 3 to 8 stand as printed.

Clause 9 considered.

Clause 9 stands as printed.

Clauses 10 to 42 considered.

Clauses 10 to 42 stand as printed.

Clause 43 considered.

Clause 43 stands as printed.

Clause 44 considered.

Clause 44 stands as printed.

Clauses 45 to 47 considered.

Clauses 45 to 47 stand as printed.

Clause 48 considered.

Clause 48 stands as printed.

Clauses 49 to 52 considered.

Clauses 49 to 52 stand as printed.

Clause 53 considered.

Clause 53 stands as printed.

Clauses 54 to 58 considered.

Clauses 54 to 58 stand as printed.

Clause 59 considered.

Ms Uibo moved the following amendment:

Clause 59(2)

omit, insert

(2) Section 75D(2)

omit

subsection (1)

insert

subsections (1) and (1A)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 59 as stands as amended.

Clause 60 considered.

Clause 60 stands as printed.

Clause 61 considered.

Ms Uibo moved the following amendment:

Clause 61(1)

omit

After section 77

insert

After section 77(1)

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 61 stands as amended.

Clauses 62 to 79 considered.

Clauses 62 to 79 stand as printed.

Clause 80 considered.

Clause 80 stands as printed.

Clauses 80 to 104 considered.

Clauses 80 to 104 stand as printed.

Clause 105 considered.

Clause 105 stands as printed.

Remainder of the Bill taken together.

Remainder of the Bill stands as printed.

Bill agreed to.

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

15. PAPER TABLED: SATELLITE PHONE REPORT

The Speaker tabled Satellite Phone Report 2021, January to December 2021 (Paper 507).

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Question put and passed.

Ms Lawler, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Paech, Mr Burgoyne, Mrs Manison, Mr Kirby, Mr Monaghan, Mr Turner.

The Assembly adjourned at 21.16 until Wednesday 23 March 2022 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Financial Management Act 1995

Investment Determination, dated 24 February 2022 (Paper 506)

Statement Under Section 19A(5), 20(2) and 21(3) of the *Financial Management Act 1995* (Paper 502)

Statement Under Section 19(4) of the *Financial Management Act 1995* (Paper 503)

Annual Report 2020–2021

Utilities Commission of the Northern Territory, Material Instances of Non-Compliance with the Port Access Policy and Determinations for 2020-21 (Paper 504)

Subordinate Legislation 2022

No. 2 of 2022, Domestic and Family Violence Amendment Regulations 2022 (Paper 505)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MARIANNE CONATY
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly