Northern Territory of Australia
Legislative Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

Meeting Number 4
Tuesday 22 October 2024

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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 the following members were appointed to committees on 17 October 2024 pursuant to the Assembly's resolution of 16 October 2024:

- Public Accounts Committee: Members for Drysdale, Fannie Bay and Karama.
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee: Members for Wanguri, Fong Lim and Blain.
- Standing Orders Committee: Members for Barkly, Goyder and Blain.
- House Committee: Members for Fannie Bay, Fong Lim and Casuarina.
- Committee of Privileges: Members for Nelson, Barkly and Goyder.
- Standing Committee on the ICAC: Members for Drysdale, Wanguri and Casuarina.
- Legislative Scrutiny Committee: Members for Goyder, Wanguri and Drysdale.

The following members were appointed to committees on 18 October 2024 pursuant to the Assembly's resolution of 16 October 2024:

- Committee of Privileges: Member for Mulka.
- Public Accounts Committee: Member for Johnston.
- Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee: Member for Nightcliff.
- Standing Committee on the ICAC: Member for Nightcliff.
- Legislative Scrutiny Committee: Member for Johnston.

3. VISITORS

On behalf of all members, the Speaker welcomed students and teachers from the Nawarddeken Academy present in the gallery.

4. FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 6)

Mr Yan (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *First Home Owner Grant Act 2000*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Yan moved that the Bill be now read a second time, delivered a second reading speech and tabled an Explanatory Statement (Paper 44).

On the motion of Mr Brown the debate was adjourned.

5. LIQUOR LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 3)

Order of the day read for the resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.

Ms Uibo, Ms Boothby, Mrs Zio, Mr Guyula, J Davis, K McNamara, Mr Howe, Mr O'Gallagher, Mr Kerle.

Visitor: On behalf of all members, the Speaker welcomed Ian Gordon, Larrakia Elder, present in the gallery.

Dr Rahman.

Debate interrupted.

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 Guyula will move on the next General Business Day that this Assembly recommit and affirm the objectives of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement, that by 2027 the NT Government will:
    1. Reduce offending and imprisonment of Aboriginal Territorians.
    2. Engage and support Aboriginal leadership.
    3. Improve justice responses and services for Aboriginal Territorians.
2. J Davis will move on the next General Business Day that this Assembly:
    - Acknowledge the important and extensive work of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Independent Expert Advisory Panel in producing the Report into Voluntary Assisted Dying in the Northern Territory.
    - Recognise the right for Territorians to end their lives with dignity and the immense suffering that is caused for them and their families when this right is taken away from them.
    - Recognise that the Northern Territory, the first jurisdiction in the world to legalise voluntary assisted dying, is now the last in Australia to pass this law.
    - Urge the Government to implement the 22 recommendations of the Report into Voluntary Assisted Dying in the Northern Territory, acknowledging that many Territorians, from all political persuasions want the right to die with dignity in the Territory.

7. PETITION

Petition Number 2: Mr Patel, by leave, presented Petition Number 2 from 109 petitioners, not conforming with Standing Orders, praying for immediate installation of driver protection screens in all Darwin buses (Paper 54).

Petition read.

Mr Patel moved that Petition Number 2 be referred to the Public Accounts Committee.

Question put and passed.

8. QUESTIONS

2.03 Ms Uibo to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.07 Ms Uibo to Mrs Finocchiaro - Supplementary
2.08 Mr Kerle to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.12 Mr Young to Mr Yan

Paper Tabled: Mr Young, by leave, tabled: Letter to Leader of the Country Liberal Party, Assessment of Country Liberal Party 2024 Election Commitments from Craig Graham, Under Treasurer, dated 21 August 2024 (Paper 55).

2.16 Dr Rahman to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.20 Mr Paech to Mr Maley
2.24 Mr O'Gallagher to Mr Maley
2.28 Mr Paech to Mrs Hersey
2.32 Mr Patel to Mr Yan
2.36 Mr Young to Mr Charls
2.40 Mr Howe to Mrs Finocchiaro
2.44 K McNamara to Mr Charls
2.48 Mr Mackay to Mr Maley
2.51 J Davis to Mr Maley
2.55 Mrs Zio to Mr Charls
2.59 Mr Paech to Mr Maley
3.01 Mr Mackay to Mr Maley

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

9. LIQUOR LEGISLATION FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL 2024 (SERIAL 3)

Order of the day read for the resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr Burgoyne, Mr Patel, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Maley, Mr Young, Mrs Carlson, Mr Paech, Mr Charls, Mr Edgington (in reply).

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly considered the Bill in detail.

Clauses 1 to 3 stand as printed.

Clause 4.

J Davis moved the following amendment:

Clause 4, after proposed section 171A(2)
insert
(3) Despite anything to the contrary in Part 3, Division 1 of the *Sentencing Act 1995*:

a) a conviction must not be recorded against a person who is found guilty of an offence against subsection (1); and
b) a sentencing order mentioned in section 7(c), (d), (f), (fa), (g) or (h) of that Act must not be made in relation to a person who is found guilty of an offence against subsection (1); and
c) sections 8(3)(b)(iii) and (iv) of that Act do not apply in relation to a finding of guilt for an offence against subsection (1).

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

Ayes 7

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

Noes 17

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			

Amendment not agreed to.

Clause 4 stands as printed.

Remainer of the Bill stands as printed.

On the question that the Bill be agreed to, the Assembly divided:

Ayes 17

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			

Noes 7

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

Question agreed to.

Mr Edgington moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and the Assembly divided:

Ayes 17

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			

Noes 7

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

Motion passed.

Bill read a third time.

10. PAPER TABLED

K McNamara, by leave, tabled: Final Report 2024, Report into Voluntary Assisted Dying in the Northern Territory (Paper 56).

11. MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: BI-PARTISAN APPROACH TO DOMESTIC, FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Speaker advised the Assembly that Ms Uibo had proposed a Matter of Public Importance in the following terms:

> Domestic, family and sexual violence is claiming the lives of too many Northern Territory women and tearing families apart; we need a strong bi-partisan approach to address it.

Having received the necessary support, discussion ensued.

Ms Uibo, Ms Cahill, Mr Guyula, Mr Paech, J Davis, Dr Rahman, K McNamara, Mr Young, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Edgington, Mr Kerle, Mr Brown.

Discussion concluded.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr Paech, Mrs Hersey, Ms Boothby, Mr Brown, Mr Charls, Ms Uibo.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned at 7.55 pm until Wednesday 23 October 2024 at 10.00 am.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Financial Management Act 1995

Authorisation of Issue of Increased Funds available from Commonwealth, dated 27 June 2024, *Financial Management Act 1995* (Paper 52)
Statement Under Section 19A(5) of the *Financial Management Act 1995* (Paper 50)
Statement Under Section 20(2) of the *Financial Management Act 1995* (Paper 49)
Treasurer's Annual Financial Report 2023-24 (Paper 53)
Direction to Transfer Excess Appropriation, dated 20 June 2024, *Financial Management Act 1995* (Paper 51)

Government Owned Corporations Act 2001

Annual Report 2023-2024, Power and Water Corporation (Paper 45)
Annual Report 2023-24, Territory Generation (Paper 48)
Constitution, Power and Water Corporation (Paper 46)

Northern Territory Treasury Corporation Act 1994

Annual Report 2023-24, Northern Territory Treasury Corporation (Paper 47)

ATTENDANCE

All members attended the meeting.

RUSSELL KEITH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly