NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 17
Tuesday 4 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 Yan delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of the following Message from Her Honour the Administrator (Paper 227):

Message Number 5

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:

13 April 2021
Criminal Code Amendment Act 2021 (Act No. 6 of 2021)
Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2021 (Act No. 7 of 2021)
Police Administration Amendment Act 2021 (Act No. 8 of 2021)

Dated 20 April 2021.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of the following Message from Her Honour the Administrator (Paper 228):

Message Number 6

Appropriation (2021-2022) Bill 2021

I, VICKI O'HALLORAN AO, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, under section 11 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1979* (Cth), recommend to the Legislative Assembly a Bill for an Act that authorises an amount to be paid from the Central Holding Authority to the Purposes of the Agencies specified in the Bill for the financial year ending 30 June 2022.

Dated 19 April 2021.

6. SPEAKER'S STATEMENTS

The Speaker made a statement regarding exclusions from the Parliamentary Precinct.

Paper Tabled: Ms Ah Kit (Speaker) tabled: Department of the Legislative Assembly – Decision-making when Speaker decides to exclude a person from the Parliamentary Precinct (Paper 229).

The Speaker made a statement regarding the conduct of Members in the Chamber.

The Speaker made a statement regarding media arrangements in the Chamber for coverage of the Budget.

7. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 10 students from Darwin High School accompanied by their teachers.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitors.

8. PERSONAL EXPLANATION: MS PURICK

Pursuant to Standing Order 26, having obtained leave from the Chair, Ms Purick explained matters of a personal nature.

9. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AGREED TO

Mrs Finocchiaro moved that a leave of absence for the May Meetings be granted to Mr Burgoyne.

Motion agreed to.

10. MOTION: REORDER OF BUSINESS AGREED TO

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business), pursuant to Standing Order 59, moved:

That the Treasurer's presentation of the Appropriation Bill, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Orders 170 and 171, commence at 11.00 am today, taking precedence over other business, followed by the lunch suspension.

Resumption at 2.30 pm commencing with Notices, Petitions, Questions and the normal routine of business outlined in Standing Order 60 and Sessional Order 1 to allow for the Members to speak on the Appropriation Bill.

I further move that tomorrow, the 5th of May 2021, the Leader of the Opposition's Budget reply commence at 10.00 am, taking precedence over other business.

Question put and passed.

11. MOTION: SELECT COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE AND CRIME

Mr Guyula, pursuant to notice, moved:

1. In accordance with Standing Order 180, the Assembly appoints a Select Committee on young people and crime, and positive pathways for diverse communities.
2. The committee is to inquire into the current community concerns across the Northern Territory about young people and crime, with particular reference to –
   a. underlying causes
   b. local community solutions
   c. current solutions that are creating safer communities
   d. structural impediments to positive change
   e. diversity of solutions across the NT

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3. The Committee must report to the Assembly by last sitting day before the end of March 2022.
4. The Membership of the committee will be three Government Members and one Opposition Member to be nominated to the Speaker in writing by the relevant whip and the Member for Mulka.
5. The Member for Mulka will be the Chair of the Committee.

Mrs Worden, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Lambley.

Debate interrupted.

12. INTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATION (2021-2022) BILL 2021 AND FINANCIAL INTEGRITY AND REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021 AGREED TO

Mr Gunner (Treasurer), sought leave to:

1. Introduce the Financial Integrity and Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 without Notice so that the Financial Integrity and Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 is presented to the Assembly at the same time as the Appropriation Bill, and both bills are the subject of the Treasurer's Budget speech
2. Both bills are then considered together in a cognate second reading debate and
3. The Consideration in detail stage is deferred at the conclusion of the second reading debate so that both bills are referred together to an Estimates Committee and reported back to the Assembly in the Consideration in Detail stage ahead of the Third Reading of both bills for the passage of the Budget 2021-22.

Leave granted.

13. APPROPRIATION (2021-2022) BILL 2021 (SERIAL 22) AND FINANCIAL INTEGRITY AND REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 23)

Mr Gunner (Treasurer), pursuant to the foregoing motion, presented a Bill for an Act to authorise an amount to be paid from the Central Holding Authority for the financial year ending 30 June 2022 and a Bill for an Act to amend the *Financial Management Act 1995*, the *Fiscal Integrity and Transparency Act 2001*, and the *Racing and Betting Act 1983*.

Bills read a first time.

Mr Gunner (Treasurer) moved that the Bills be read a second time and delivered a Second Reading Speech.

Papers Tabled: Mr Gunner (Treasurer) tabled the following papers:

1. Budget Paper 2021-2022, No. 1, Speech and Appropriation Bill (Paper 230).
2. Budget Paper 2021-2022, No. 2, Budget Strategy and Outlook (Paper 231).
3. Budget Paper 2021-2022, No. 3, Agency Budget Statements (Paper 232).
4. Budget Paper 2021-2022, No. 4, The Infrastructure Program (Paper 233).
5. Budget Paper 2021-2022, Northern Territory Economy (Paper 234).
6. Budget Paper 2021-2022, Budget and Regional Overview (Paper 235).
7. Budget 2021, Investing in the Territory's Future: Leading the Comeback (Paper 236).
8. Financial Integrity and Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 (Serial 23) – Explanatory Statement (Paper 237).

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.33 and 14.30.

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14. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mrs Manison (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill entitled Youth Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 (Serial 24).

2. Ms Boothby (Member for Brennan) will move on the next General Business Day

   That this Assembly:

   1. Calls on the Gunner Labor Government to fully recognise and support the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that exists to grow the domestic hospitality and tourism market this year in the wake of COVID;

   2. Recognise the enormous, sustained economic and employment benefits that growth in the hospitality and tourism sector will have for years to come if managed correctly this year;

   3. Hold the Gunner Labor Government accountable for perpetuating uncertainty in the sector by failing to adequately manage expectations and sufficiently adapt to changing conditions to maximise local benefits; and

   4. Demands that immediate action is taken to ensure that tourism and hospitality businesses are provided with the assistance they need to guarantee that 2021 sets the Territory up to be a premiere tourist destination in Australia for many years to come.

15. QUESTIONS

14.33 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.38 Mr Monaghan to Mr Gunner
14.41 Mr Maley to Mr Gunner
14.45 Mr Monaghan to Mr Gunner
14.49 Mr Edgington to Mr Gunner
14.54 Mr Bowden to Mrs Manison
14.57 Ms Boothby to Mr Gunner
15.01 Mr Bowden to Ms Fyles
15.05 Mr Sloan to Mr Gunner
15.09 Mr Costa to Ms Lawler
15.12 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
15.17 Mrs Hersey to Mr Gunner
15.21 Mrs Hersey to Mr Gunner – Supplementary

Visitor: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Hon Stuart Robert MP, Federal Minister for Employment; Workforce; Skills; Small and Family Business.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker welcomed the visitor.

15.23 Mr Monaghan to Ms Moss

15.27 Mr Yan to Mr Gunner
15.32 Mr Costa to Ms Uibo

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

16. MOTION: SELECT COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE AND CRIME NOT AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the question that:

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Mrs Lambley, Mr Maley, Ms Purick, Mr Guyula.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 10	**Noes 13**
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
	Mr Turner
	Ms Uibo
	Mrs Worden

Pairs: Ms Fyles and Mr Burgoyne.

Motion not agreed to.

17. APPROPRIATION (2021-2022) BILL 2021 (SERIAL 22) AND FINANCIAL INTEGRITY AND REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 23)

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

Mrs Manison, Ms Moss, Mr Paech, Ms Lawler, Mrs Lambley, Ms Uibo, Mr Kirby, Mr Monaghan.

Debate adjourned.

18. TAXATION ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021 (SERIAL 15): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mr Edgington, Mr Gunner.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

By leave, on the motion of Mr Gunner (Treasurer), the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

19. PAPERS TABLED

The Speaker tabled:

1. Quarterly Members' Fuel Transaction Report January to March 2021 (Paper 238).
2. Schedule of Government Responses to Committee Reports, May 2021 (Paper 239)

20. RESPONSE TO PETITION

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 123, tabled Response to Petition Number 2, 'Amend the *Tobacco Act 2002* to make it illegal for people under the age of 18 to be in possession of tobacco products' (Paper 240).

21. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ms Lawler, Mrs Manison, Mr Paech.

The Assembly adjourned at 20.10 until Wednesday, 5 May 2021 at 10.00.

ATTENDANCE

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

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly