NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Number 46
Wednesday 11 May 2022

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1. **CLERK'S STATEMENT**
The Clerk made a statement that pursuant to Standing Order 216 the Speaker was physically absent from the Meeting of the Assembly and that the Deputy Speaker would take the Chair.

2. **MEETING**
The Assembly met at 10.00. The Deputy Speaker, Mr Joel Bowden, presided.

3. **PRAYERS**

4. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**
Ms Fyles delivered the acknowledgement of country on behalf of the Assembly.

5. **VISITORS**
The Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 11 students from Darwin High School accompanied by their teachers.

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

6. **MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AGREED TO**
Mr Burgoyne moved that a leave of absence be granted to Mr Edgington for today to represent the Leader of the Opposition at the memorial service for the late Michael Deutrom.

7. **SPEAKER'S STATEMENT**
The Speaker made a statement regarding remote participation in Meetings of the Assembly.

8. **APPROPRIATION (2022-2023) BILL 2022 (SERIAL 51) AND REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT AND REPEAL BILL 2022 (SERIAL 52)**
Resumption of debate on the question that the Bills be read a second time.

Mrs Finocchiaro.

Speaker's Statement: Pursuant to Standing Order 219 the Deputy Speaker made a statement regarding the appointment of the Member for Daly as Acting Deputy Speaker.

Mr Paech, Mr Maley.

Debate suspended.

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

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9. VISITORS

The Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of students from Nungalinya College accompanied by their teachers.

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

10. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mrs Finocchiaro will move on the next Meeting Day that this Assembly:

   Appoints a select parliamentary committee to inquire into the crime crisis in the Territory and the escalating crisis within the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services with the goal of developing specific strategies to decrease offending, recidivism and provide support to our brave Police officers.

   Specifically, the select committee will look at:

   1. Crime and the reasons for crime and youth crime in the Territory;
   2. Recidivism and proven, evidence-based techniques to decrease offending;
   3. Strategies to lower the rates of alcohol-related crime, including targeted strategies to help habitual abusers get the help they need;
   4. An audit of current Northern Territory policies and spending to identify waste and programs that are not achieving results;
   5. Police health and wellbeing, including evaluation of whether current programs to look after Police are fit-for-purpose and identify areas of need;
   6. Identify staffing needs of Police in urban and remote areas and create a plan to fortify staffing numbers to decrease the number of unanswered calls;
   7. Determine the reason for the high rates of police attrition and develop strategies to combat this persistent and growing problem;
   8. Identify a plan to restore confidence of the community and officers in Police command and identify a path to a stronger police force;
   9. Evaluate ways to increase efficiency, including re-opening the Darwin watch house and making more general duties officers available for patrols;
   10. Any other matter relating to crime or police that the committee sees fit.

2. Ms Lawler (Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics) will present on the next Meeting Day a Bill titled Building Amendment Bill (Serial 53).

11. QUESTIONS

14.03 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mrs Manison
14.07 Mr Monaghan to Mrs Manison

14.12 Mr Maley to Ms Lawler
14.16 Mr Young to Mr Kirby
14.20 Ms Boothby to Mrs Manison
14.26 Mr Turner to Mrs Worden
14.30 Mr Yan to Ms Uibo
14.35 Mr Costa to Mr Paech
14.41 Mr Monaghan to Ms Fyles
14.44 Mrs Lambley to Mrs Manison
14.48 Mr Edgington to Mr Paech
14.52 Mr Costa to Ms Lawler
14.55 Mrs Hersey to Ms Lawler

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

12. PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (EMERGENCY REPORTING) BILL 2022 (SERIAL 44)

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

Ms Fyles, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Maley, Mrs Manison, Mrs Hersey, Ms Moss, Ms Boothby, Ms Lawler, Mr Edgington.

Mr Edgington moved that the question be put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 8	**Noes 15**
Ms Boothby	Ms Ah Kit
Mr Burgoyne	Mr Bowden
Mr Edgington	Mr Costa
Mrs Finocchiaro	Ms Fyles
Mrs Hersey	Mr Gunner
Mr Maley	Mr Kirby
Ms Purick	Ms Lawler
Mr Yan	Mrs Manison
	Mr Monaghan
	Ms Moss
	Mr Paech
	Mr Turner
	Ms Uibo
	Mrs Worden
	Mr Young

Motion not agreed to.

Mr Kirby, Mrs Worden.

Debate suspended.

13. APPROPRIATION (2022-2023) BILL 2022 (SERIAL 51) AND REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT AND REPEAL BILL 2022 (SERIAL 52)

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

Mr Monaghan, Mr Burgoyne, Mr Young, Ms Purick.

Ms Fyles moved that the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Question put and passed.

Mr Paech, Mr Burgoyne, Ms Uibo.

The Assembly adjourned at 20.35 until Thursday 12 May 2022 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Coroner's Act 1993

Report to the Legislative Assembly, In relation to the Coronial Findings and recommendations regarding the death of Sammy (Paper 546)

Report to the Legislative Assembly, In the matter of Coroner's Findings and recommendation(s) regarding the death of HD (name supressed) (Paper 547)

Professional Standards Act 2003 (VIC)

Law Institute of Victoria Limited Professional Standards Scheme (Paper 543)

Professional Standards Act 2004 (SA)

South Australian Bar Association Professional Standards Scheme (Paper 544)

Subordinate Legislation 2022

No. 4 of 2022, Registration Amendment Regulations 2022 (Paper 545)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MARIANNE CONATY
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly