



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting Number 16
Tuesday 14 March 2017**

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick, presided.

2. PRAYERS

3. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5/6 students from the Girraween Primary School accompanied by their teacher Allan Hamdan and Beth French.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding Commonwealth Day.

5. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding the appointment of Mr Sean O'Connor as the new Serjeant at Arms and on behalf of Members welcomed Mr O'Connor. Madam Speaker thanked Mr Steven Stokes for his service in the role over the last 12 months.

6. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding correspondence received from Mr Guyula concerning a matter of privilege, pursuant to Standing Order 229. Madam Speaker advised that the motion had been given precedence over all other business.

7. MOTION: REFERRAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON FREEDOM OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES NOT AGREED TO

Mr Guyula, pursuant to Standing Order 229, moved:

That the Committee of Privileges inquire into and report to the Assembly on any limitation of a Member's freedom of speech in this Assembly, with specific regard to the operation of Standing Order 31 and the power of the Presiding Officer to 'expunge' words considered highly disorderly from the Parliamentary Record as occurred by a ruling of the Deputy Speaker and confirmed by the Speaker in relation to words I spoke in my adjournment speech on the evening of the 16th of February 2017.

Mr Guyula, Ms Fyles, Mr Mills, Mr Wood, Mr Gunner, Mr Guyula.

Question put and not agreed to.

8. JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BODY-WORN VIDEO AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EVIDENCE) BILL 2016 (SERIAL 10)

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

Ms Finocchiaro, Mr Wood, Mr Gunner.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5/6 students from the Girraween Primary School accompanied by their teachers, Kate Illic and Allan Hamdam.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

Mr Gunner, Ms Wakefield, Ms Manison.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5/6 Students from Palmerston Christian College accompanied by their teacher, Mark Twine.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

Ms Manison, Mrs Worden, Mr Sievers.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.55 and 14.00.

9. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled Bail Amendment Bill 2017 (Serial 18).
2. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will move on the next meeting day:
That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bail Amendment Bill 2017 (Serial 18) passing through all stages this meeting.
3. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled Limitation Amendment (Child Abuse) Bill 2017 (Serial 16).
4. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business day:
That this Assembly calls on the Government to start making decisions and deliver on its promises to Territorians.
5. Mr Guyula will present on the next General Business day a Bill entitled Coroners Amendment Bill 2017 (Serial 19).
6. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business day:

That this Assembly condemns the Government's lack of urgency in tackling the recent dramatic increase in crime and associated drug use.

Calls on the Government to urgently implement strategies to reduce the prevalence of crime and drug use in communities across the Northern Territory.

10. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 123, tabled Response to Petition Number 4, Save Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation (Paper 219).

11. QUESTIONS

14.02 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner

Paper Tabled: Mr Higgins, by leave, tabled a Letter, from Mr Michael Gunner, Leader of the Opposition to Mr Des Crowe, CEO, Australian Hotels Association, re: Australian Hotels Association NT Survey (Paper 220).

14.05 Mr Sievers to Mr Gunner

14.08 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner

14.12 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner – Supplementary

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the Speaker's gallery of Dr Chris Burns, former Member for Johnston.

On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitor.

14.13 Mr Kirby to Ms Manison

14.18 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles

14.23 Mr Collins to Mr Vowles

14.26 Mr Wood to Mr Gunner

14.28 Ms Uibo to Mr McCarthy

14.32 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner

14.36 Mr Mills to Mr Gunner

14.39 Ms Uibo to Ms Lawler

14.43 Mrs Lambley to Ms Manison

14.47 Ms Nelson to Ms Lawler

14.50 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner

14.55 Mr Higgins to Ms Fyles

14.58 Mrs Worden to Ms Lawler

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

12. JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (BODY-WORN VIDEO AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EVIDENCE) BILL 2016 (SERIAL 10) BILL AGREED TO)

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

Mr Kirby, Mr McCarthy, Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

13. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: EDUCATION MOTION TO NOTE

Ms Lawler (Minister for Education) made a statement regarding A Vision for Education.

Ms Lawler moved that the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Manison, Ms Manison, Mr Mills, Ms Nelson, Mr Guyula, Mr McConnell, Ms Moss.

On the motion of Mr McCarthy debate was adjourned.

14. PAPERS TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled the following papers:

1. Travel Report, Member for Spillett, Mrs Lia Finocchiaro, travelled to Canberra to attend meetings at Parliament House with Federal Ministers and Members during the first Federal Sittings of 2017, dated 16 February 2017 (Paper 225).
2. Travel Report, Member for Blain, Mr Terry Mills, travelled to Perth to attend the Biennial Australia Indonesia Business Council Conference and Business Week Forum during 11-16 November 2016, dated December 2016 (Paper 226).
3. Travel Report, Member for Arnhem, Ms Selena Uibo, travelled to Melbourne on 27 November 2016, to attend Visa interview at the US Consulate General for travel to the United States, dated 26 February 2017 (Paper 227).
4. Travel Report, Member for Fong Lim, Mr Jeff Collins, travelled to Sydney, December 2016, to meet with various members of the NSW Legislative Council and discuss issues relevant to the work of the Select Committee on Opening Parliament to the people, dated 8 March 2017 (Paper 228).

15. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS, AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES

The Assembly considered the following reports:

1. Auditor-General for the Northern Territory, November 2016. Deferred.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Ms Manison (Treasurer) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Ms Wakefield, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Paech, Mr Sievers, Mr Wood, Mr Kirby, Ms Manison,

The Assembly adjourned at 18.58 until 15 March 2017 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Reports 2015-2016

Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory, 2015-2016 (Paper 221)

Northern Territory Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board, 2015-2016 (Paper 222)

Report

Report on Material Instances of Non-Compliance with the Darwin Port Access Policy and Determinations, pursuant to section 121(1) of the *Ports Management Act* dated 29 November 2016 (Paper 224)

Rules 2016

Totalisator Licensing and Regulation (Wagering) Amendment Rules 2016 (Paper 223)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly