



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting Number 3
Thursday 20 October 2016**

1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AGREED TO

Ms Manison moved that a leave of absence for 20 October 2016 be granted to Ms Fyles on account of attending a Ministerial Council meeting.

Motion agreed to.

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding the 42nd anniversary of self-government for the South Pacific island of Niue celebrated on 19 October 2016.

5. STAMP DUTY AMENDMENT BILL 2016 (SERIAL 1)

Ms Manison (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Stamp Duty Act* to revise the first home owner discount.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Manison moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Ms Manison tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 52).

On the motion of Mr Higgins debate was adjourned.

6. MOTION: ADDRESS IN REPLY

Resumption of debate on the question that the Address in Reply be agreed to.

Debate resumed.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr McCarthy, Mrs Lambley was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Debate suspended.

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

7. NOTICES

The following notice was given:

1. Ms Wakefield (Minister for Territory Families) will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled Youth Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 (Serial 5).

8. QUESTIONS

- 14:01 Mr Higgins to Minister for Education
14:05 Ms Ah Kit to Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
14:08 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
14:11 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services – Supplementary
14:12 Mr Collins to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
14:15 Mr Guyula to Minister for Education
14:18 Mr McConnell to Minister Primary Industry and Resources
14:20 Mrs Lambley to Treasurer
14:24 Mr Sievers to Minister for Territory Families

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of former Chief Minister the Honourable Stephen Hatton.

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

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- 14:27 Mr Higgins to Minister for Tourism and Culture
14:32 Mr McConnell to Minister for Housing and Community Development
14:35 Mr Wood to Minister for Tourism and Culture
14:39 Mr Higgins to Chief Minister
14:43 Ms Uiibo to Minister for Education
14:46 Mrs Lambley to Chief Minister
14:51 Mr Kirby to Minister for Environment and Natural Resources
14:54 Mr Higgins to Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Mr Gunner (Chief Minister) asked that further questions be placed on the Written Question Paper.

9. MOTION: ADDRESS IN REPLY

Resumption of debate on the question that the following Address in Reply be agreed to.

Debate resumed.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr Kirby, Ms Moss was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr Sievers, Mr Purick was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned.

10. MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: FUTURE OF KORMILDA COLLEGE

The Deputy Speaker advised the Assembly that Mrs Finocchiaro had proposed a Matter of Public Importance.

The future of Kormilda College and the impact that ongoing uncertainty is having on students, parents, teachers and Staff and the failure of the Northern Territory Government to:

- Demonstrate leadership
- Engage with the school community in a manner that is open and transparent
- Effectively lobby the Australian Government for assistance
- Take seriously the effect of the possible closure of the school on the 650 students enrolled including the 170 remote indigenous boarders and the 150 staff or
- Be clear about the Territory Government's plan or intention for the school

Having received the necessary support discussion ensued.

Paper Tabled: Mr Higgins, by leave, tabled Petition: Kormilda College in the NT remains open (Paper 60).

Discussion concluded.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Ms Manison (Deputy Chief Minister) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 18.44 until 25 October 2016 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Report 2014-2015:

National Environment Protection Council, 2014-2015 (Paper 53)

Financial Management Act:

Increase of Treasurer's Advance, pursuant to section 19(1), dated 28 June 2016 (Paper 54)

Direction - Transfer of Excess Appropriations, pursuant to section 20(1), dated 31 May 2016 (Paper 55)

Authorisation - Issue of Increased Funds Available from Commonwealth, pursuant to section 19A(1), dated 27 June 2016 (Paper 56)

Direction – Transfer of Excess Appropriations, pursuant to section 20(1), dated 27 June 2016 (Paper 57)

OmbudsmanNT:

Report, Compliance by Northern Territory Police Force with Part 2 of the *Police (Special Investigative and other Powers) Act* 2015-2016, August 2016 (Paper 58)

Subordinate Legislation 2016:

No. 361 of 2016, Rail Safety National Law National Regulations (Fees) Variation Regulations, and No. 360 of 2016, Rail Safety Law National Law National Regulations Variation Regulations (Paper 59)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Ms Fyles on leave.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly