



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**No. 25
Tuesday 09 May 2017**

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 10.00 am. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick, took the Chair.

2. PRAYERS

3. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding National Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Week.

4. JUSTICE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION) BILL 2016 (SERIAL 12): BILL AGREED TO

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

Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Nelson, 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.

5. LIMITATION AMENDMENT (CHILD ABUSE) BILL 2017 (SERIAL 16)

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

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Worden, Mr Wood, Ms Nelson, Ms Lawler, Mrs Wakefield, Ms Manison, Ms Uibo.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of home-school students and their parents and families.

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

Mr McCarthy.

Debate suspended.

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

6. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Fyles will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled Alcohol Harm Reduction Bill 2017 (Serial 25).
2. Ms Fyles will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled Liquor Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 (Serial 24).
3. Ms Fyles will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled Supreme Court Amendment (Associate Judges) Bill 2017 (Serial 26).

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Stage 1 Legal Studies students from The Essington School Darwin.

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

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4. Ms Manison will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled National Electricity (Northern Territory) (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment Bill 2017 (Serial 23).
 5. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move that on the next General Business day:
That:
 - a. This Assembly recognises that growth in the population of the Northern Territory is essential for a strong economy and prosperous community.
 - b. Calls on the Government to work with the Parliament as a whole to develop strategies and initiatives to grow the population of the Northern Territory.
 6. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move that on the next General Business day:
That this Assembly calls on the Government to take action to address the lack of business confidence in the Territory.
 7. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move that on the next General Business day:
That this Assembly acknowledges the significant role that the Local Government sector plays in communities across the Northern Territory.
 8. Mr Guyula (Member for Nhulunbuy) will move that on the next General Business day:
That:
 1. The Northern Territory Government notes the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and,
 2. Using this Declaration as a basis, legislate a Bill of Rights for Northern Territory Indigenous Peoples.

7. PETITIONS

Ms Nelson presented Petition No. 11 from 1173 petitioners praying that there be a moratorium on all unconventional oil and gas mining in the NT Division of Lingiari for seven years (Paper 289).

Petition read.

8. QUESTIONS

14:05 Mr Higgins to Ms Fyles
14:08 Mr Higgins to Ms Fyles – Supplementary
14:10 Mr Sievers to Ms Manison
14:13 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14:18 Mr Paech to Ms Manison
14:21 Mr Guyula to Ms Lawler
14:25 Mr Kirby to Mr Gunner
14:28 Mrs Lambley to Ms Moss
14:32 Ms Uibo to Mr McCarthy
14:35 Mr Mills to Ms Wakefield
14:39 Ms Nelson to Mr Vowles
14:43 Mr Wood to Ms Manison
14:45 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14:49 Mr Costa to Ms Fyles
14:52 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14:56 Mr McConnell to Ms Lawler
14:59 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 114, Mr Higgins asked the Speaker to write to the Ministers seeking reasons for their delay in responding to written questions.

9. LIMITATION AMENDMENT (CHILD ABUSE) BILL 2017 (SERIAL 16

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

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.

10. MOTION: THAT GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ORDER OF THE DAY NUMBER FOUR BE CALLED ON AGREED TO.

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business), pursuant to Standing Order 59, moved that Government Business Order of the Day Number 4 be called on.

Question put and passed.

11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON EDUCATION: NOTED

Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Mr Costa, Ms Fyles, Ms Lawler.

Question put and passed.

12. PAPER TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled the following papers:

1. 2016 Territory Election Report (Paper 290).

13. MOTION: SELECT COMMITTEE ON OPENING PARLIAMENT TO THE PEOPLE - REPORT ON OPENING PARLIAMENT TO THE PEOPLE, WITH A SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS, MARCH 2017 AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the question that the Assembly take note of the Report.

Mrs Worden, Mr Higgins, Mr Paech, Mr Wood, Ms Ah Kit, Mr McCarthy, Ms Fyles

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) moved that the motion be amended by inserting after the word "report": The Assembly adopts recommendations 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25 and 30, and refers recommendations 1, 2, 4, 19, 23, and 26, to the Standing Orders Committee for inquiry and report on procedural matters.

Mr Wood, Mr Collins.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 18

Mr Collins
Mr McConnell
Mr Gunner
Ms Lawler
Mr McCarthy
Mr Costa
Ms Nelson
Mr Vowles
Ms Uibo
Ms Wakefield
Mrs Worden
Ms Ah Kit
Ms Fyles
Mr Sievers
Ms Moss
Ms Manison
Mr Kirby
Mr Paech

Noes 5

Mr Wood
Mr Mills
Mrs Lambley
Mr Higgins
Mrs Finocchiaro

Amendment agreed to.

Question, that the motion as amended be agreed to, put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 18

Mr Collins
Mr McConnell
Mr Gunner
Ms Lawler
Mr McCarthy
Mr Costa
Ms Nelson
Mr Vowles
Ms Uibo

Noes 5

Mr Wood
Mr Mills
Mrs Lambley
Mr Higgins
Mrs Finocchiaro

Ms Wakefield
Mrs Worden
Ms Ah Kit
Ms Fyles
Mr Sievers
Ms Moss
Ms Manison
Mr Kirby
Mr Paech

Motion as amended agreed to.

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

The Assembly considered the following report:

1. The Auditor-General for the Northern Territory - *Report to the Legislative Assembly, March 2017*, Motion to Note. Deferred.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr Gunner, Ms Wakefield, Ms Moss, Mrs Worden, Mr Sievers, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Kirby,

The Assembly adjourned at 19:12 until Wednesday 10 May 2017 at 10.00.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly