



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting Number 29
Tuesday 15 August 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 Wagaman Primary School accompanied by their teachers, Mark Renner and Irene Vavlas.

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

4. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of the following Message from His Honour the Administrator (Paper 334):

Message No. 7

Assent to Proposed Laws

I, JOHN HARDY AO, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, advise the Legislative Assembly of, pursuant to section 7 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government Act) 1978* of the Commonwealth, the assent to the following proposed laws:

27 June 2017

Appropriation (2017-2018) Act 2017 (Act No 12 of 2017)

Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2017 (Act No 13 of 2017)

Liquor Legislation Amendment Act 2017 (Act No 14 of 2017)

National Electricity (Northern Territory) (National Uniform Legislation)

Amendment Act 2017 (Act No 15 of 2017)

JOHN HARDY AO

Administrator

5. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AGREED TO

The Leader of the Opposition moved that a leave of absence for the August meetings be granted to the Member for Spillett on account of her hospitalisation for this period.

Motion agreed to.

6. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT REGARDING OPEN DAY

The Speaker made a statement regarding Parliament House Open Day on 2 September 2017.

7. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT REGARDING ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT RETIREES OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Speaker made a statement regarding a publication from the Retirees' Association of the Northern Territory.

8. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT REGARDING MENZIES SCHOOL OF HEALTH RESEARCH

The Speaker made a statement regarding Menzies School of Health Research.

9. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Pauline and Robert O'Connor, parents of the Clerk Assistant Chamber and Serjeant at Arms.

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

10. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT – PRIVILEGE MOTION

The Speaker made a statement and tabled a letter from the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee seeking precedence to move a motion concerning privilege (Paper 335).

11. MOTION: REFERRAL TO PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE AGREED TO

The Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, pursuant to Standing Order 229, moved:

The Assembly refers to the Committee of Privileges for inquiry and report the complaint of a potential breach of privilege received by the Public Accounts Committee on 4 July 2017 alleging punishment of the complainant for giving evidence to the Committee for its inquiry into taxi licensing and regulation.

Mrs Worden, Ms Fyles, Mrs Lambley, Mr Higgins, Mr Wood, Mr Mills.

Question put and passed.

12. ALCOHOL HARM REDUCTION BILL 2017 (SERIAL 25)

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

Mr Higgins.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5/6 students from Wagaman Primary School accompanied by their teachers, Helen Bevan and Donna Stephens.

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

Ms Manison, Mr Wood, Ms Lawler.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 7 students from Rosebery Middle School accompanied by their teachers.

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

Ms Lawler.

Debate suspended.

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

13. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Fyles will move on the next meeting day pursuant to Standing Order 179 that the Assembly discharge the Member for Wanguri from the Committee of Privileges and appoint the Member for Drysdale to the Committee of Privileges.
2. Mr Higgins will move on the next General Business day:

That:

- The Assembly refers to the Public Accounts Committee for inquiry and report the process by which the Government made its submission to the Productivity Commission's inquiry into Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation, and in particular:
 - why the submission was not made by the due date,
 - who determined when the submission was made,
 - who composed the draft and final submissions,
 - who authorised a draft submission made public on 13 July 2017, and
 - whether a draft was submitted prior to the final.
- The Committee will hold its hearings for this inquiry in public unless the Committee agrees to a request from the witness to go into private session to deal with a matter of a confidential nature.
- The Assembly requires any Ministers who the Committee asks to appear before it to answer questions to do so.

14. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 123, tabled Response to Petition No. 8 (Paper 336).

15. QUESTIONS

14.01 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner

14.04 Mr Sievers to Mr Gunner

14.08 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner

14.10 Ms Nelson to Mr Gunner

Paper Tabled: Mr Gunner tabled a letter to Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, MP Prime Minister, re Relation to the voluntary postal plebiscite process, from Michael Gunner, dated 15 August 2017 (Paper 337).

14.13 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14.16 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner - Supplementary
14.16 Mrs Worden to Ms Manison
14.20 Mr Guyula to Ms Manison
14.23 Mr Kirby to Ms Fyles
14.27 Mr Wood to Ms Fyles
14.32 Ms Ah Kit to Ms Wakefield
14.35 Mr Mills to Mr Gunner – Referred to Ms Fyles
14.39 Ms Uiibo to McCarthy
14.42 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.46 Mr Costa to Mr Vowles
14.50 Mr Guyula to Ms Lawler
14.54 Mr McConnell to Ms Lawler
14.59 Mr Wood to Ms Manison

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

16. ALCOHOL HARM REDUCTION BILL 2017 (SERIAL 25):

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

Ms Lawler, Ms Nelson, Mr Sievers, Mr Guyula, Ms Wakefield, Mrs Worden, Mr Gunner, Mr Paech, Mr Vowles, Mr Collins.

Debate adjourned.

17. PAPERS TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled the following papers:

1. Travel Report, Member for Karama, Ms Ngaree Ah Kit travelled to Cairns to attend the National NAIDOC Awards on 28 June 2017, dated 18 July 2017 (Paper 359)
2. Travel Report, Member for Karama, Ms Ngaree Ah Kit travelled to Katherine to attend the new NT Suicide Prevention Action Plan on 19 July 2017, dated 1 August 2017 (Paper 360)
3. Travel Report, Member for Katherine, Ms Sandra Nelson travelled to Adelaide to attend meetings on 14 June 2017 (Paper 361)
4. Travel Report, Member for Blain, Mr Terry Mills travelled to Jakarta and Bali to attend the Indonesia Australia Business Council Meeting, dated 18 July 2017 (Paper 362)

18. ADJOURNMENT

Ms Moss (Minister for Environment and Natural Resources) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Ms Moss, Mr Higgins, Ms Wakefield, Ms Nelson, Mr Paech, Mr Sievers, Ms Uiibo.

The Assembly adjourned at 18.42 until 16 August 2017 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Financial Management Act:

Authorisation – Issue of Increased Funds Available from Commonwealth (Paper 357)
Direction – Transfer of Excess Appropriations (Paper 358)

OmbudsmanNT:

Report to Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Compliance by Northern Territory Police Force with *Surveillance Device Act*, July 2017 (Paper 356)

Subordinate Legislation 2017:

- No. 12 of 2017, Litchfield Council (Dog Management) By-Laws (Paper 338)
- No. 13 of 2017, Police Administration (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2017 (Paper 339)
- No. 14 of 2017, Fire and Emergency Amendment Regulations (Paper 340)
- No. 15 of 2017, Weapons Control Amendment Regulations 2017 (Paper 341)
- No. 16 of 2017, Care and Protection of Children (Screening) Amendment Regulations 2017 (Paper 342)
- No. 17 of 2017, National Electricity (Northern Territory) (National Uniform Legislation) (Modification) Amendment Regulations 2017 (Paper 343)
- No. 18 of 2017, National Electricity (Northern Territory) (National Uniform Legislation) (Act Amendment) Regulations 2017 (Paper 344)
- No. 19 of 2017, Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment Regulations 2017 (Paper 345)
- No. 20 of 2017, Termination of Pregnancy Law Reform Regulations (Paper 346)
- No. 21 of 2017, Motor Vehicles (Fees and Charges) Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2017 (Paper 347)
- No. 22 of 2017, Plant Health Amendment Regulations 2017 (Paper 348)
- No. 23 of 2017, Supreme Court Amendment (Costs) Rules 2017 (Paper 349)
- No. 24 of 2017, Local Court (Civil Jurisdiction) Amendment Rules 2017 (Paper 350)
- No. 25 of 2017, Liquor Amendment Regulations 2017 (Paper 351)
- No. 26 of 2017, Medical Services (Traffic, Parking and General Conduct) By-laws (Paper 352)
- No. 257 of 2017, Rail Safety National Law National Regulations (Fees and Returns) Variation Regulations 2017 (Paper 353)
- No. 258 of 2017, Rail Safety National Law National Regulations (Miscellaneous) Variation Regulations 2017 (Paper 354)
- No. 259 of 2017, Rail Safety National Law National Regulations (Queensland Fatigue Provisions) Variation Regulations 2017 (Paper 355)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Mrs Finocchiaro on leave.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly