
**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**No. 26
Wednesday 10 May 2017**

1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. ALCOHOL HARM REDUCTION BILL 2017 (SERIAL 25)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to reduce the misuse of alcohol and the resulting harm by providing a framework for registering adults on the banned drinker register, to repeal the *Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Act* and *Alcohol Protection Orders Act*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Ms Fyles tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 291).

On the motion of Mrs Finocchiaro debate was adjourned.

4. LIQUOR LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 24)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Liquor Act* and the *Liquor Regulations*.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Ms Fyles tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 292).

On the motion of Mr Higgins debate was adjourned.

5. SUPREME COURT AMENDMENT (ASSOCIATE JUDGES) BILL 2017 (SERIAL 26)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Supreme Court Act*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Ms Fyles tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 293).

On the motion of Mrs Finocchiaro debate was adjourned.

6. NATIONAL ELECTRICITY (NORTHERN TERRITORY) (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 23)

The [Speaker/Deputy Speaker] made a statement regarding [Summary of Statement].

Ms Manison (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *National Electricity (Northern Territory) (National Uniform Legislation) Act*.

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 294).

On the motion of Mr Higgins debate was adjourned.

7. CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND FAIR TRADING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 17)

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

Mr Higgins, Mr Gunner, Mr Wood, Ms Moss, Ms Nelson.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11:53 and 14.00.

8. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Gunner (Chief Minister) will move on the next meeting day:

That the Assembly notes; the upcoming 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum leading to greater national recognition and attention to the issues of importance to Aboriginal Australians;

Acknowledges the importance of this referendum in underpinning recognition, reconciliation and respect for all Aboriginal Australians and, in particular, Aboriginal Australians here in the Northern Territory; and

Expresses its support for work being undertaken, both by Government and the wider Northern Territory community, to advance respect, recognition and the well-being of Aboriginal Territorians in the Northern Territory.

2. Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) will move on the next meeting day:

This Assembly resolves that:

1. There be appointed an Estimates Committee of the Legislative Assembly (the Committee) for the purposes of examining and reporting on the:
 - (a) estimates of proposed expenditure contained in the Appropriation (2017-2018) Bill (the Appropriation Bill) and related budget documents,
 - (b) activities, performance, practices and financial management of the Power and Water Corporation, Jacana Energy and Territory

Generation, with reference to those corporations' Statements of Corporate Intent 2017-18, and

- (c) the performance of Agencies as outlined in their Annual Reports.
2. The membership of the Committee will be four Government Members and one Opposition Member and two non-party aligned Members to be appointed by motion without notice. Pursuant to SO193(2), Members of the Assembly who are not members of the Committee may participate in public hearings of the Committee, provided that at any time a quorum of 3 members of the Committee is maintained. Proxy Members can be nominated prior to the Chair in writing.
3. Unless otherwise ordered by the Committee, the Committee will hold hearings:
 - (a) for up to 30 hours in relation to 1(a) and (b) on:
 - Monday, 19 June 2017
 - Tuesday, 20 June 2017
 - Wednesday, 21 June 2017.
 - (b) for up to 30 hours in relation to 1(c) on:
 - Tuesday, 28 November 2017
 - Wednesday, 29 November 2017
 - Thursday, 30 November 2017
4. The Committee shall examine the proposed expenditure contained in the Appropriation Bill by portfolios in accordance with the schedule to be published by the Committee and the proposed expenditure shall be considered on an output by output basis for each portfolio unit.
5. The Committee shall publish a schedule of the times allotted for hearing from Ministers, the Speaker and Board Chairs.
6. The maximum total time of the appearance at all hearings of each of the Chief Minister and the Treasurer shall be 8 hours, and for each other Minister and the Speaker shall be 7 hours.
7. All hearings of the Committee are to be open to the public unless the Committee orders otherwise.
8. All questions should conform to Standing Order 109 and answers will be concise and directly relevant to the question asked.
9. Answers to questions taken on notice during the June hearings, or additional information about an answer given by or on behalf of a Minister, the Speaker or Board Chair, are to be written and given to the First Clerk Assistant by 13 July 2017, or other earlier time decided by the Committee. For the December hearings, such answers or information are to be submitted by 14 December 2017. Answers or additional information so received are deemed to be documents presented to the Committee.

10. The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly is authorised to publish a transcript of the Committee proceedings, whether or not it has been edited, as soon as practicable.
 11. Evidence taken in public by the Committee and documents presented to the Committee are deemed to be authorised for publication by the Committee, unless the Committee orders otherwise.
 12. At a hearing of the Committee, the Chair may, after a warning, order any Member of the Assembly whose conduct, in the opinion of the Chair, continues to be disorderly or disruptive to immediately withdraw from the Committee for a period of 1 hour.
 13. Following its second reading, the Appropriation (2017-2018) Bill stands referred to the Committee for report by 22 June 2017.
 14. The Committee is to report on its consideration of Annual Reports at the next available sitting day.
 15. When the Committee's report on the Appropriation Bill is presented the Assembly shall immediately consider the question:

that the expenditure proposed in the Appropriation (2017-2018) Bill stand as part of the Bill, and the report of the Estimates Committee be noted.
 16. The following time limits shall apply to the debate on the Committee's report on the Appropriation Bill:
 - Ministers, Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Ministers: 20 minutes;
 - Any other Member: 10 minutes;
 - The maximum period for consideration shall be 5 hours.
 17. When the question on the expenditure proposed in the Appropriation (2017-2018) Bill is agreed to, the following question is proposed and put immediately:

that the remainder of the Bill stand as part of the Bill.
 18. When the Appropriation Bill has been agreed to by the Assembly, the third reading may be taken into consideration immediately.
 19. Pursuant to Standing Order 4, the dates on which the Assembly will meet during November will be 21, 22 and 23 November 2017.
 20. This resolution shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in Standing and Sessional Orders.
3. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled Parole Amendment Bill 2017 (Serial 21).

9. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Future Leaders NT Cattlemen's Association.

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

10. QUESTIONS

14.02 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of students from Nungalinga College.

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

14:05 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner – Supplementary
14:07 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Manison
14:11 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14:15 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Manison
14:18 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14:22 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14:25 Mr Wood to Ms Wakefield
14:29 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14:34 Mr Wood to Ms Manison
14:37 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14:41 Mr Higgins to Ms Fyles
14:45 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14:49 Mr Wood to Ms Moss
14:53 Mr Mills to Mr Gunner
14:57 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison

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

General Business: Pursuant to Standing Order 60, General Business commenced.

11. MOTION: BUSINESS CONFIDENCE AGREED TO

Mr Higgins (Member for Daly), pursuant to notice, moved:

That this Assembly calls on the Territory Government to:

Take action to address the lack of business confidence in the Territory.

Debate ensued:

Mr Higgins, Mr Collins, Ms Manison, Mr Wood, Mr Kirby, Mr Mills, Mrs Lambley, Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Nelson, Mr McCarthy, Mr Higgins.

Question put and agreed to.

12. MOTION: AN OFF ROAD PARK FOR ATVS AND QUAD BIKES

Mr Wood (Member for Nelson), pursuant to notice, moved:

This Assembly calls on the Territory Government to set up a task force from Motorsport Northern Territory, and the departments responsible for Crown lands, the department responsible for sport and recreation, the police department, and any other departments that may have an interest, to look at establishing an off road park in the greater Darwin region so that the owners of ATVs and quad bikes can enjoy the use of their vehicles in a safe and accessible environment. The task force could also look at

the facility for competition to attract both local and interstate riders. The possibility of a recreational licence for bikes should also be included in discussions.

Debate ensued:

Mr Wood, Ms Moss, Mr Higgins (17 minutes remaining).

Debate suspended.

Pursuant to Standing Order 60, General Business was interrupted.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Ms Fyles, Ms Wakefield, Mr McCarthy, Mr Kirby, Mrs Lambley, Mr Sievers, Ms Uibo.

The Assembly adjourned at 19:51 until Thursday 11 May 2017 at 10.00.

Paper Tabled: Mrs Lambley by leave, tabled Flyer, Scott Morrison's Federal budget FAILS the test on Developing the North (Paper 295).

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly