



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting Number 9
Thursday 24 November 2016**

1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of two Year 6 classes from Parap Primary School accompanied by their teachers Mr Young and Mrs Hardy, and of Mrs Rhonda Higgins and her grandchildren.

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

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN MOTION TO NOTE

Ms Manison (Minister for Children) made a statement regarding early childhood development.

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

Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Wakefield.

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

Ms Wakefield.

Visitors: The Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the galleries of Year 6 students from Parap Primary School accompanied by their teacher Temira Wallis.

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

Mrs Lambley, Mr McCarthy.

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

Mr McCarthy, Mr Vowles.

Debate suspended.

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

5. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business day:
That this Assembly calls on the Territory Government to maintain the focus on law and order established by the Country Liberals and not drop the ball on community safety.
2. Mrs Finocchiaro (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business day:
That this Assembly calls on the Territory Government to recognise that small business is the backbone of the Territory economy and is vital to job creation.
3. Mrs Lambley (Member for Araluen) will move on the next General Business Day:
 1. That the Assembly refers to the Public Account Committee for inquiry and report the efficiency, effectiveness and probity of the regulation and licensing of the Alice Springs taxi industry, having particular regard to:
 - (a) the allocation of taxi licenses by the Department of Transport
 - (b) the sub-leasing of taxi licenses
 - (c) the future of the taxi industry in Alice Springs.
 2. This resolution has effect despite any inconsistency with the standing orders.
4. Mr Guyula (Member for Nhulunbuy) will move on the next General Business Day:
 1. That this Assembly remove all words in Standing Order 23A and replace with the following:
A Member may rise to speak in any language other than English so long as an oral translation is provided in the English language by the same Member immediately prior to or after the words spoken in the language other than English.
 2. That a new Standing Order 23B be adopted as follows:
A Member may be assisted on the floor of the Assembly by an interpreter to provide interpretation from the English language into the first language of the Member and from the first language of the Member into English. The interpreter will only be present for the purposes of interpreting and not for any other purpose and must vacate the floor when not undertaking those duties.
5. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business Day:
That this Assembly calls on the Northern Territory Government to explain:
 - How the new entitlement of Government Employee Housing for local recruits will be rolled out;
 - What will be the eligibility requirements and how will these entitlements be managed;
 - What benefit will flow to local recruits that are unable to be provided with Government Employee Housing in the short, medium and long term;

- What impact this will have on current Enterprise Bargaining Agreements and how these impacts will be managed.
6. Mrs Finocchiaro (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business day:
- That this Assembly calls on the Territory Government to recognise the importance of mining to the Territory economy and to the creation of jobs.
7. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business day:
- That this Assembly calls on the Territory Government to:
- Recognise the importance of sport and recreation as a stand-alone area of public policy and not allow it to be shelved in a large departmental cluster;
 - Detail its plans to cut \$184 million from the public service and what impact this will have on Departmental clusters.

6. PETITIONS

The Mr Gunner presented Petition Number 4 from 735 petitioners not conforming with Standing Orders relating to Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation (Paper 145).

Petition read.

7. QUESTIONS

14:02 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14:06 Ms Nelson to Mr Vowles
14:08 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Wakefield
14:12 Mr Collins to Ms Manison
14:16 Mr Wood to Ms Manison
14:18 Ms Uibo to Ms Manison
14:22 Mr Mills to Ms Lawler
14:26 Mr Mills to Ms Lawler – Supplementary – Referred to Ms Wakefield
14:26 Mr Kirby to Mr Gunner
14:30 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14:34 Mr Sievers to Ms Fyles
14:37 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner – Referred to Ms Fyles
14:40 Ms Ah Kit to Ms Wakefield
14:43 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr McCarthy
14:48 Mr Wood to Mr Vowles
14:51 Mr Mills to Ms Wakefield
14:53 Ms Uibo to Ms Lawler
14:56 Mrs Worden to Ms Wakefield

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

Mr Gunner (Minister for Aboriginal Affairs), pursuant to Standing Order 115, clarified an answer to a question from Mr Mills the previous day.

8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN MOTION TO NOTE

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

Ms Lawler, Mr Sievers, Mrs Worden, Mr Wood, Ms Uibo, Mr Collins, Mr Paech, Mr McConnell, Ms Ah Kit, Ms Nelson, Ms Fyles.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Ms Manison, Ms Fyles was granted an extension of time.

Ms Fyles, Mr Costa, Ms Manison.

Question put and passed.

9. PAPER TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled the following paper:

1. Auditor-General for the Northern Territory, November 2016 (Paper 157).

Mr Gunner moved that the report be noted and sought leave to continue his remarks at a later time.

Leave granted.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr Gunner, Mrs Worden, Ms Purick, Mr Sievers, Mr Kirby, Mr Paech, Ms Nelson, Mr McCarthy.

The Assembly adjourned at 18.52 until 29 November 2016 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Reports 2015-2016:

Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (Paper 146)

Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool (Paper 147)

Australian Crime Commission, pursuant to the *Surveillance Devices Act 2007* (NT) (Paper 148)

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Paper 149)

Education and Care Services Ombudsman, National Education and Care Services Privacy and Freedom of Information Commissioners (Paper 150)

National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and Privacy Commissioner (Paper 151)

Northern Territory Motor Accidents (Compensation) Commission (Paper 152)

Parole Board of the Northern Territory (Paper 153)

Professional Standards Council (Paper 154)

Regulations 2016:

No.126 of 2016, Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Amendment (Midwife Insurance Exemption) Regulation 2016 (Paper 155)

Review:

Serious Crime Control Act, Annual Review, for financial year ending 30 June 2016 (Paper 156)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly