



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting Number 5
Wednesday 26 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 Fyles moved that a leave of absence for 26 October 2016 be granted to Ms Uibo.

Motion agreed to.

4. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AMENDMENT BILL 2016 (SERIAL 7)

Mr McCarthy (Minister for Public Employment), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Holidays Act*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McCarthy moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Mr McCarthy tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 75).

On the motion of Mrs Lambley debate was adjourned.

5. MOTION: SESSIONAL ORDERS FOR THE 13TH ASSEMBLY AGREED TO

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business), pursuant to notice, moved that Sessional Orders be adopted in the same terms as Sessional Orders adopted by the 12th Assembly as follows:

1. Pairs
2. Right of Reply
3. Committee of Members' Interests
4. Prayers
5. When a Ministerial Statement may be made

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. PUBLIC INFORMATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2016 (SERIAL 6)

Mr Gunner (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Information Act*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Gunner moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Mr Gunner tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 77).

On the motion of Ms Fyles debate was adjourned.

7. DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE (RECOGNITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDERS) (NATIONAL UNIFORM LAW) AMENDMENT BILL 2016 (SERIAL 3)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Domestic and Family Violence 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 78).

On the motion of Mrs Finocchiaro debate was adjourned.

8. PAPER TABLED: OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER OWN INITIATIVE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Ms Wakefield (Minister for Territory Families) tabled a report about the services provided by the Northern Territory Department of Correctional Services to Don Dale Youth Detention Centre and Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre (Paper 79) and made a statement.

9. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: STATEMENT ON JOBS MOTION TO NOTE

Mr Gunner (Chief Minister) made a statement regarding jobs for the Northern Territory.

Mr Gunner moved that the Assembly take note of the Statement.

On the motion of Ms Manison debate was adjourned.

10. TREASURER'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2015-2016

Resumption of debate on the question that Ms Manison continue her Tabling Statement.

Debate resumed.

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

On the motion of Ms Fyles debate was adjourned.

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

11. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled Statute Law Revision Bill 2016 (Serial 4).

2. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next meeting day a bill entitled Classification of Publications, Films and Computer Games Amendment Bill 2016 (Serial 2).
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Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Mark Munnich and Honeylynn Lisson, Northern Territory delegates for the 8th Commonwealth Youth Parliament.

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

12. QUESTIONS

- 14.01 Mr Higgins to Chief Minister
- 14.05 Mrs Finocchiaro to Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
- 14.08 Mr Wood to Minister for the Environment and Natural Resources
- 14.11 Mr Guyula to Minister for Education
- 14.14 Mrs Lambley to Chief Minister
- 14.17 Mr Mills to Minister for Education
- 14.21 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Housing and Community Development
- 14.24 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Housing and Community Development Supplementary
- 14.26 Mr Higgins to Chief Minister
- 14.29 Mr Wood to Minister for Housing and Community Development
- 14.32 Mr Guyula to Minister for Education
- 14.36 Mrs Lambley to Chief Minister
- 14.39 Mr Mills to Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
- 14.43 Mr Higgins to Chief Minister
- 14.47 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Paper Tabled: Mrs Finocchiaro, by leave, tabled Draft Alice Springs Regional Land Use Plan 2016 (Paper 91).

- 14.49 Mr Wood to Minister for Primary Industry and Resources
- 14.53 Mr Guyula to Minister for Environment and Natural Resources
- 14.56 Mrs Lambley to Chief Minister

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

13. MOTION: ANIMALS IN DARWIN CORRECTIONAL CENTRE AGREED TO

Mr Wood, pursuant to notice, moved that the Government reverses the agreement that restricts the keeping of animals in the Darwin Correctional Centre.

Debate ensued.

Ms Fyles moved an amendment to the motion as follows:

That all words after "That the Government" be omitted and insert the following:

"agree to adopt a sensible policy approach that allows animals to be kept at the Darwin Correctional Precinct."

Debate continued.

Question, that the amendment be agreed to, put and passed.

Question, that the motion as amended be agreed to, put and passed

14. MOTION: INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN AGREED TO

Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved that this Assembly calls on the Territory Government to be transparent on its forward infrastructure plan and to demonstrate to Territorians how a change of plans to meet their election commitments is to be funded.

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Mr Higgins, by leave, tabled Letter, to Hon Adam Giles MLA, re Infrastructure Projects in Alice Springs, from Damien Ryan, Mayor Alice Springs dated 3 May 2016 (Paper 92).

Debate continued.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of former President of Timor Leste, Dr Jose Ramos Horta.

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

Debate continued.

Quorum: Mrs Finicchiaro drew the attention of the Speaker to the state of the Assembly.

A quorum having been obtained, debate continued.

Paper Tabled: Mrs Finocchiaro, by leave, tabled Table of Labor Infrastructure Projects (Paper 93).

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

15. MOTION: GROUNDWATER FOR STOCK AND DOMESTIC USE

Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved:

That this Assembly:

- supports the development and implementation of management plans, regulations and laws for the extraction of groundwater water for stock and domestic use in the Northern Territory.
- recognises that stock and domestic groundwater users have made significant investments in their water infrastructure.

and calls on the Northern Territory Government to:

- make the necessary amendments to legislation to allow as a priority, people who extract water for stock and domestic use to be able to continue to do so.
- identify a period of time where all groundwater reliant non income generating users may be exempt from the requirement to obtain an extraction licence, and
- plan for the delivery of reticulated water to users of groundwater in the rural area.

Debate ensued.

Debate suspended.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Assembly adjourned at 19.38 until Thursday 27 October 2016 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Report 2015-2016:

Department of Business, 2015-2016 (Paper 80)

Department of Children and Families, 2015-2016 (Paper 81)

Department of Health, 2015-2016 (Paper 82)

Department of Housing, 2015-2016 (Paper 83)

Department of Local Government and Community Services, 2015-2016 (Paper 84)

Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries, 2015-2016 (Paper 85)

Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Commission, 2015-2016 (Paper 86)

Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment, 2015-2016 (Paper 87)

Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment State of the Service Report, 2015-2016 (Paper 88)

OmbudsmanNT, 2015-2016 (Paper 89)

Work Health and Safety Advisory Council Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act, 2015-2016 (Paper 90)

ATTENDANCE

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

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly