



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting Number 6
Thursday 27 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 27 October 2016 be granted to Mr Gunner on account of a trade mission to Korea, Japan and China.

Motion agreed to.

4. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of students from Nightcliff Middle School.

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

5. STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2016 (SERIAL 4)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make miscellaneous minor amendments to various laws.

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 94).

On the motion of Mrs Finocchiaro debate was adjourned.

**6. CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES
AMENDMENT BILL 2016 (SERIAL 2)**

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Classification of Publications, Films and Computer Games Act*.

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 95).

On the motion of Mrs Finocchiaro debate was adjourned.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: STATEMENT ON JOBS MOTION TO NOTE

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

Debate resumed.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of students from Nightcliff Middle School.

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

Debate suspended.

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

8. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business day:
That the Territory Government detail its implementation plan for tackling the housing deficit in remote communities including:
 - How shires, regional authorities and housing organisations will make decisions about what to build, where to build, how to build and who will build.
 - How many new houses will be constructed, when they will be constructed and where they will be constructed next year and over the next 10 years.
 - How many new bedrooms will be constructed, when will they be constructed and where they will be constructed next year and over the next 10 years.
 - How many local remote employees will be eligible for Government Employee Housing, what Departments do they work for and in what communities they reside.
 - How many new houses will be constructed for local Government Employees next year and over the next 10 years.
 - How tenancy management will be devolved to local communities.
2. Mrs Finocchiaro (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business day that the Territory Government take seriously the importance of local businesses for the creation of jobs in the Northern Territory.
3. Ms Purick (Member for Goyder) will move as Assembly Business on the next meeting day:
 1. That a select committee to review planning decisions by planning ministers comprising two members nominated by the Chief Minister, two members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and two independent members be appointed. will move as Assembly Business
 2. The committee is to inquire into and report on the decisions of planning ministers between August 2012 and August 2016:

- a) Regarding major rezoning, exceptional development permits and special purpose applications; and
- b) Where extraordinary powers were exercised by the minister.
3. In examining these decisions, the committee is to have regard to:
 - a) What external stakeholders were consulted in the decision making;
 - b) What property owners and proponents associated with applications met with the planning minister prior to a decision being made;
 - c) What consultants were paid by the government in relation to any of the decisions;
 - d) The aggregated concerns of the community on key planning decisions including, but not limited to, Lowther Road, Gardens Hill, Dundee Beach Shop, Fred's Pass Road, Bayview expansion, and the sub regional Litchfield Plan being declared into the NT Planning Scheme prematurely.
4. The committee may proceed to the dispatch of business notwithstanding that all members have not been appointed and notwithstanding any vacancy.
5. The committee is to report within four months of the committee's first meeting.
6. The foregoing provisions of the resolution have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.
4. Mr Wood (Member for Nelson) will move on the next General Business day that the Government in consultation with the NT Land Corporation develop a plan for the long term management of the Shoal Bay coastline between Tree Point Conservation Reserve and the Gunn Point Peninsula that would eventuate into a formal Conservation or Marine Park.

That the Government build a permanent park ranger station at Gunn Point to make sure the beaches and hinterland adjacent to those beaches are protected from environmental damage as well as inappropriate behaviour from some visitors.

9. QUESTIONS

- 14:02 Mr Higgins to Treasurer
14:06 Mrs Worden to Acting Chief Minister
14:09 Mrs Finocchiaro to Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

Paper Tabled: Mrs Finocchiaro, by leave, tabled an email to Electorate Offices re Community Support Work Program will not be accepting any further applications, Northern Territory Correctional Services (Paper 96).

- 14:13 Mr Collins to Minister for Primary Industry and Resources
14:16 Mr Costa to Minister for Housing and Community Development
14:20 Mr Wood to Minister for Primary Industry and Resources
14:23 Ms Uibo to Minister for Education
14:26 Mr Mills to Acting Chief Minister
14:30 Mr Mills to Acting Chief Minister – Supplementary
14:32 Ms Ah Kit to Minister for Health
14:35 Mr Guyula to Acting Minister for Aboriginal Affairs - Referred to the Minister for Education
14:39 Mr Sievers to Minister for Territory Families
14:42 Mr Higgins to Acting Minister for Trade, Business and Innovation
14:46 Mr McConnell to Minister for Education
14:49 Mrs Lambley to Minister for Tourism and Culture

14:53 Mr Kirby to Minister for Primary Industry and Resources
14:56 Mrs Finocchiaro to Treasurer
14:59 Mr Collins to Minister for Environment and Natural Resources

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

Mr Vowles (Minister for Primary Industry and Resources), pursuant to Standing Order 115 replied to a question by Mr Wood.

10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: STATEMENT ON JOBS MOTION TO NOTE

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

Debate resumed.

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

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

On the motion of Ms Fyles debate was adjourned.

11. PAPER TABLED: SELECT COMMITTEE ON OPENING PARLIAMENT TO THE PEOPLE

Mr Collins (Chair) tabled the Select Committee on Opening Parliament to the People, Green Paper on Parliamentary Reform (Paper 128) and Minutes of Proceedings (Paper 129) and made a statement.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Assembly adjourned at 18.51 until Tuesday 22 November 2016 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Reports

Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Tribunal, 2015-2016 (Paper 97)
Charles Darwin University, 2015 (Paper 98)
Charles Darwin University Financial Statements, 2015 (Paper 99)
Darwin Waterfront Corporation, 2015-2016 (Paper 100)
Department of Arts and Museums, 2015-2016 (Paper 101)
Department of the Chief Minister, 2015-2016 (Paper 102)
Department of Corporate and Information Services, 2015-2016 (Paper 103)
Department of Correctional Services, 2015-2016 (Paper 104)
Department of Education, 2015-2016 (Paper 105)
Department of Infrastructure, 2015-2016 (Paper 106)
Department of Land Resource Management, 2015-2016 (Paper 107)

Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment, 2015-2016 (Paper 108)
Department of Mines and Energy, 2015-2016 (Paper 109)
Department of Sport and Recreation, 2015-2016 (Paper 110)
Department of Transport, 2015-2016 (Paper 111)
Department of Treasury and Finance, 2015-2016 (Paper 112)
Director of Public Prosecutions Northern Territory of Australia, 2015-2016 (Paper 113)
Heritage Council Northern Territory, 2015-2016 (Paper 114)
Legislative Assembly Members' Superannuation Fund, 2015-2016 (Paper 115)
National Trust of Australia (Northern Territory), 2015 (Paper 116)
Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator, 2015-2016 (Paper 117)
Northern Territory Treasury Corporation, 2015-2016 (Paper 118)
Northern Territory Architects Board, 2015-2016 (Paper 119)
Northern Territory Consumer Affairs, 2015-2016 (Paper 120)
Northern Territory Government and Public Authorities' Superannuation Scheme, 2015-2016 (Paper 121)
NT Community Visitor Program, 2015-2016 (Paper 122)
Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory, 2015-2016 (Paper 123)
Surveillance Devices Act 2007 (NT), 2015-2016 (Paper 124)
The Surveyors Board of the Northern Territory of Australia, 2015-2016 (Paper 125)
Utilities Commission, 2015-2016 (Paper 126)

OmbudsmanNT:

OmbudsmanNT, Report to Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Compliance by Northern Territory Police Force with *Surveillance Devices Act*, Second Report 2016 (Paper 127)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting, except Mr Gunner on leave.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly