1. **MEETING**
The Assembly met at 10.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick, presided.

2. **PRAYERS**

3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**
Mr Gunner delivered the Acknowledgement of Country on behalf of the Assembly.

4. **VISITORS**
The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of former Speaker the Hon Roger Steele and Mr Shane Condon.
On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

5. **SPEAKER’S STATEMENT REGARDING MEETING DAY CALENDAR**
The Speaker made a statement regarding the meeting day calendar for 2018.

6. **PAPER TABLED: SPEAKER’S MEDIA RELEASE REGARDING 2018 MEETING DAY CALENDAR**
Ms Purick (Speaker) tabled a media release regarding the meeting day calendar for 2018 (Paper 475).

7. **SPEAKER’S STATEMENT REGARDING NIUE**
The Speaker made a statement regarding Niue’s 43rd anniversary of self-government.

8. **MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AGREED TO**
Ms Fyles moved that a leave of absence for today be granted to Mr Costa on account of personal reasons.
Motion agreed to.

9. **MOTION: EXTENSION TO THE REPORTING PERIOD FOR THE POLITICAL DONATIONS INQUIRY AGREED TO**
Mr Gunner (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice moved that the Assembly agrees to extend the reporting period for the Political Donations Inquiry until 30 June 2018.
Question put and passed.
10. INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONER AGAINST CORRUPTION (CONSEQUENTIAL AND RELATED AMENDMENTS) BILL 2017 (SERIAL 35)
Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts in consequence of the enactment of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act and tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 476) and the statement on human rights compatibility (Paper 477).
Ms Fyles moved the Bill be read a first time and delivered an explanatory speech.
Bill read a first time.
Ms Fyles moved that the Bill be referred to the Social Policy Scrutiny Committee for report by the first meeting day in 2018.
Question put and passed.

11. MOTION: HORIZONTAL FISCAL EQUALISATION AGREED TO
Ms Manison (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, moved that this Assembly:
• Condemns the move by Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison to change the measure of Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation from “equal” to “reasonable”.
• Stands united against this proposal, which would widen the gap on Indigenous disadvantage, stifle development in the North, and lead to a permanent drop in the Territory’s GST revenue.
• Writes to the Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison, calling on him to make no changes to how GST revenues are distributed, unless all States and Territories are in agreement.
• And calls on the Opposition Leader to ensure his party colleague Senator Scullion stands up for the Territory on this issue.

Debate ensued.
Ms Manison

Papers Tabled: Ms Manison (Treasurer) tabled the following papers:

Mr Higgins.

Papers Tabled: Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) tabled the following papers:

Mr Higgins moved the following amendment:
Delete all words after ‘Assembly’ and replace with:
• Rejects the recommendation of the draft report of the Productivity Commission which changes the measure of Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation from “equal” to “reasonable”.

• Stands united against this proposal, which would widen the gap on Indigenous disadvantage, stifle development in the North, and lead to a permanent drop in the Territory’s GST revenue.

• Writes to the Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison, calling on him to make no changes to how GST revenues are distributed, unless all States and Territories are in agreement.

• Calls on the Opposition Leader to ensure his party colleague Senator Scullion stands up for the Territory on this issue.

• And calls on the Chief Minister to ensure his party colleague the Federal Labor leader, Bill Shorten, stands up for the Territory on this issue.

Ms Lawler, Mr Vowles, Mrs Finocchiaro.

Debate suspended.

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

12. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the former Member for Johnston Dr Chris Burns.

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

13. QUESTIONS

14.00 Mr Higgins to Ms Moss
14.01 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.04 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner - Supplementary
14.05 Ms Ah Kit to Ms Fyles
14.08 Mr Wood to Mr McCarthy
14.12 Ms Uibo to Mr Gunner
14.15 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison
14.19 Mr McConnell to Mr McCarthy

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Nathan Finn, OIC Palmerston Police Station and President of Litchfield Bears Rugby League Club.

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

14.23 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
14.27 Mr Paech to Ms Manison
14.30 Mr Guyula to Ms Fyles
14.33 Ms Uibo to Ms Lawler
14.37 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.40 Mr Paech to Ms Moss
14.44 Mr Guyula to Ms Wakefield
14.47 Mr Collins to Mr McCarthy
14.51 Mr Higgins to Ms Lawler
14.54 Mr McConnell to Ms Lawler
14.58 Mr Wood to Ms Moss

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

14. **MOTION: HORIZONTAL FISCAL EQUALISATION AGREED TO**

Resumption of debate on that the motion as amended be agreed to.

Mr McCarthy, Ms Wakefield, Ms Moss, Ms Fyles, Mr Sievers, Mr Wood, Mr Gunner, Ms Manison.

Amendment put

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Amendment not agreed to.

Question put.

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Question put.
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Mr McConnell

Motion agreed to.

15. **ASSEMBLY MEMBERS AND STATUTORY OFFICERS (REMUNERATION AND OTHER ENTITLEMENTS) AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 27): BILL AGREED TO**

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

   Mr Higgins, Mr Gunner.

   Bill read a second time.

   On the motion of Mr Gunner (Chief Minister), by leave, the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

16. **MINISTERIAL POLICY STATEMENT: EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN AGREED TO**

   Resumption of debate on the motion that the Assembly take note of the Policy Statement.

   Ms Lawler, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Collins, Ms Manison.

   Question put and passed.

17. **CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS, AUDITOR-GENERAL’S REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES**

   The Assembly considered the following report.


18. **PAPER TABLED**

   The Speaker tabled the following paper:


19. **REPORTS**

   Ms Moss made a statement regarding travel.

   Mr Mills made a statement regarding travel.

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

   Ms Lawler (Minister for Education) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

   Ms Lawler, Mr Paech, Mrs Worden, Ms Uibo, Mr Collins, Ms Nelson

   The Assembly adjourned at 19.42 until Tuesday 21 November 2017 at 10.00.

**DEEMED PAPERS**

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

**Annual Reports 2016-2017:**
ATTENDANCE
All Members attended the meeting, except Mrs Lambley and Mr Costa on leave.