



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting Number 17
Wednesday 15 March 2017**

1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of the following Message from His Honour the Administrator (Paper 229):

Message Number 3

Assent to Proposed Laws

I, JOHN HARDY AO, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, advise the Legislative Assembly of, pursuant to section 7 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government Act) 1978* of the Commonwealth, the assent to the following proposed laws:

10 March 2017

Classification of Publications, Films and Computer Games Amendment Act 2017 (Act No 1 of 2017)

Domestic and Family Violence (Recognition of Domestic Violence Orders) (National Uniform Law) Amendment Act 2017 (Act No 2 of 2017)

Medical Services Legislation Amendment Act 2017 (Act No 3 of 2017)

Statute Law Revision Act 2017 (Act No 4 of 2017)

Dated 13 March 2017

JOHN HARDY AO

Administrator

4. BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 18)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bail 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 230).

On the motion of Mrs Finocchiaro debate was adjourned.

5. MOTION: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS AGREED TO

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, moved:

That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Bail Amendment Bill 2017 (Serial 18) passing through all stages this meeting.

Ms Fyles, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Gunner, Mrs Lambley, Mr Wood, Mr Higgins.

Question put and passed.

6. LIMITATION AMENDMENT (CHILD ABUSE) BILL 2017 (SERIAL 16)

Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Limitation 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 231).

On the motion of Mrs Finocchiaro debate was adjourned.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: EDUCATION MOTION TO NOTE

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

Mr McCarthy.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the parents of Year 5/6 students from the Girraween Primary School accompanied by their teacher Sally Phillips.

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

Mr McCarthy.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the parents of Ms Uibo, Michael and Didamain Uibo.

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

Mr McCarthy, Ms Uibo, Mr Gunner, Mr Vowles.

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. Ms Manison (Treasurer) will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 (Serial 17).
2. Mrs Lambley, pursuant to Standing Order 71, on behalf of Mr Mills to move on the next General Business day:

That this Assembly calls upon the Northern Territory Government to conduct a comprehensive economic assessment of how a carefully managed onshore gas industry would affect the Northern Territory.

This assessment should include but not be restricted to an assessment of royalty scheme options for the Northern Territory and the effect on regional economic development including employment and training.

An assessment of the economic impact of onshore gas exploration on small to medium sized Northern Territory enterprises.

And consideration should also include an assessment of gas reservation policy options and a cost benefit analysis of gas reservation or otherwise on Northern Territory economic development.

9. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the Speaker's gallery of Senator Malarndirri McCarthy and Councillor Kirsty Hunt from Litchfield Council.

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

10. QUESTIONS

- 14.03 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
- 14.06 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner - Supplementary
- 14.08 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
- 14.11 Mr Guyula to Ms Manison
- 14.15 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
- 14.18 Mr Wood to Mr Vowles
- 14.21 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
- 14.25 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
- 14.28 Mr Guyula to Ms Manison
- 14.30 Mrs Lambley to Ms Wakefield
- 14.34 Mr Wood to Ms Fyles
- 14.38 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
- 14.43 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
- 14.46 Mr Guyula to Mr McCarthy
- 14.50 Mrs Lambley to Ms Fyles
- 14.52 Mr Wood to Mr Vowles
- 14.55 Mr Higgins to Mr McCarthy

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 AS AMENDED: CONTINUE MAKING DECISIONS AND DELIVERING ON PROMISES AGREED TO

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

That this Assembly calls on the Government to start making decisions and deliver on its promises to Territorians.

Mr Higgins, Ms Manison.

Ms Manison moved the following amendment.

Delete all words after 'that' and replace with 'this Assembly acknowledges the Government for making decisions in the best interest of Territorians and calls on it to continue delivering on its promises.'

Ms Manison, Mrs Finocchiaro.

Mrs Finocchiaro moved the following amendment.

Delete the word 'Government' and replace with 'Government's poor track record.'

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Wood.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the Member for Katherine's sister.

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

Mr Wood, Mrs Lambley, Ms Fyles, Mr Higgins.

Question, that the amendment moved by Mrs Finocchiaro, put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 3

Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Guyula
Mr Higgins

Noes 18

Ms Ah Kit
Mr Collins
Mr Costa
Ms Fyles
Mr Gunner
Mr Kirby
Ms Lawler
Mr McCarthy
Mr McConnell
Ms Manison
Ms Moss
Ms Nelson
Mr Paech
Mr Sievers
Ms Uibo
Mr Vowles
Ms Wakefield
Mrs Worden

Amendment not agreed to.

Question, that the amendment moved by Ms Manison, put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 18

Ms Ah Kit
Mr Collins
Mr Costa

Noes 3

Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Guyula
Mr Higgins

Ms Fyles
Mr Gunner
Mr Kirby
Ms Lawler
Mr McCarthy
Mr McConnell
Ms Manison
Ms Moss
Ms Nelson
Mr Paech
Mr Sievers
Ms Uibo
Mr Vowles
Ms Wakefield
Mrs Worden

Amendment agreed to.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 18

Ms Ah Kit
Mr Collins
Mr Costa
Ms Fyles
Mr Gunner
Mr Kirby
Ms Lawler
Mr McCarthy
Mr McConnell
Ms Manison
Ms Moss
Ms Nelson
Mr Paech
Mr Sievers
Ms Uibo
Mr Vowles
Ms Wakefield
Mrs Worden

Noes 3

Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Guyula
Mr Higgins

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

12. MOTION: CRIME AND DRUG USE ACROSS THE NORTHERN TERRITORY NOT AGREED TO

Mrs Finocchiaro (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved:

That this Assembly:

1. Condemns the government's lack of urgency in tackling the recent dramatic increase in crime and associated drug use.
2. Calls on the government to urgently implement strategies to reduce the prevalence of crime and drug use in communities across the Northern Territory.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Fyles, Mr Wood, Ms Lawler, Mr Higgins, Mrs Finocchiaro.

Question put.

The Assembly divided:

Ayes 3

Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Guyula
Mr Higgins

Noes 17

Ms Ah Kit
Mr Collins
Mr Costa
Ms Fyles
Mr Gunner
Mr Kirby
Ms Lawler
Mr McCarthy
Ms Manison
Ms Moss
Ms Nelson
Mr Paech
Mr Sievers
Ms Uibo
Mr Vowles
Ms Wakefield
Mrs Worden

Motion not agreed to.

13. PAPERS TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled the following papers:

1. Travel Report, Member for Namatjira, Mr Chansey Paech, travelled to Brisbane to attend the National Indigenous Labor Caucus meeting on 20 February 2017, dated 10 March 2017 (Paper 233))

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ms Moss, Mr Higgins, Ms Wakefield, Mr Sievers, Ms Uibo, Ms Nelson, Mr Kirby.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.54 until Thursday 16 March 2017 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

Pursuant to Standing Order 239 the following paper was deemed to have been tabled:

Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority

Roadmap for a Modern Environmental Regulatory Framework for the Northern Territory, January 2017 (Paper 232).

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly