



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Meeting Number 13  
Tuesday 14 February 2017**

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**1. MEETING**

The Assembly met at 11.00. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick, presided.

**2. PRAYERS**

**3. VISITORS**

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5 students from the junior school of Good Shepherd Lutheran College accompanied by their teachers, Lynne Pokela and Karen Koehler, and Year 5/6 students from Ludmilla Primary School, accompanied by their teacher, Anthony Brereton.

**4. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AGREED TO**

Ms Fyles moved that a leave of absence for today be granted to Mr Gunner who is interstate on Government business.

Motion agreed to.

Ms Fyles moved that a leave of absence for today, tomorrow and Thursday be granted to Ms Uiho who is engaged in an international visitor leadership programme.

Motion agreed to.

**5. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

The Speaker advised Members of the following Message from His Honour the Administrator (Paper 189):

**Message Number 2**

**Assent to Proposed Laws**

I, JOHN HARDY OAM, 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:

**7 December 2016**

Liquor Amendment Act 2016 (Act No 32 of 2016)

Public Holidays Amendment Act 2016 (Act No 33 of 2016)

**20 December 2016**

Public Information Amendment Act 2016 (Act No 34 of 2016)

Stamp Duty Amendment Act 2016 (Act No 35 of 2016)

Youth Justice Legislation Amendment Act 2016 (Act No 36 of 2016)

Dated 9 January 2017

JOHN HARDY OAM  
Administrator

**6. STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2016 (SERIAL 4) BILL AGREED TO**

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

Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On the motion of Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), by leave, the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

**7. MEDICAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2016 (SERIAL 14)**

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

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Wood, Ms Moss, Mr Costa, Mrs Worden, Ms Manison.

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**Visitors:** The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the Student Representative Council from St John's Catholic College, accompanied by their teacher, Mrs Ayesha Fatima, and of a Year 12 Legal Studies class from Palmerston Senior College accompanied by their teacher, Anita Turnbull.

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

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Ms Fyles.

Debate suspended.

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

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**8. NOTICES**

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Fyles (Minister for Health) will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled Termination of Pregnancy Law Reform Bill 2017 (Serial 15).
2. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business day:  
That this Assembly calls on the Territory Government to take immediate action to address the alarming slide in business and consumer confidence.
3. Mr Wood (Member for Nelson) will move on the next General Business day:  
That the NT Department of Education establish a proactive programme to encourage and progress more males into the teaching profession with the goal of having at least 50% of all teachers being male teachers by 2027.
4. Mrs Lambley (Member for Araluen) will move on the next General Business day:

That the Government commences planning for a new Alice Springs hospital to be built on a new site by 2030.

5. Mrs Finocchiaro (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business day:

That this Assembly calls on the Territory Government to immediately honour their pre-election commitment to deliver a PET scanner and a Cyclotron to the people of the Northern Territory.

6. Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) will move on the next meeting day:

That the Assembly discharges the Member from Stuart from the Public Accounts Committee and the Select Committee on Opening Parliament to the People and the Assembly appoints the Member for Brennan to the Public Accounts Committee and appoints the Member for Namatjira to the Select Committee for Opening Parliament to the People.

7. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business day:

That this Assembly calls on the Territory Government to:

- Position the Territory as a place to live and work achieving sustainable population growth;
- Preserve our natural beauty and the environment for future generations.

#### 9. RESPONSES TO PETITION

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 123, tabled a Response to Petition Number 3 (Paper 190).

#### 10. VISITOR

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the former Member for Nhulunbuy, Ms Lynne Walker.

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

#### 11. QUESTIONS

14:01 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison  
14:03 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison – Supplementary  
14:06 Ms Ah Kit to Ms Manison  
14:09 Mr Collins to Ms Manison  
14:12 Mr Wood to Ms Manison  
14:16 Mr Kirby to Ms Manison  
14:19 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison  
14:23 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison  
14:27 Mr Sievers to Ms Wakefield  
14:30 Mr Mills to Ms Fyles  
14:34 Mrs Worden to Ms Wakefield  
14:38 Mr Guyula to Ms Lawler

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**Visitors:** The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of a former Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, the Honourable Stephen Hatton.

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

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14:42 Ms Nelson to Ms Lawler

14:45 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Manison – Referred to Ms Fyles  
14:48 Mr Sievers to Mr McCarthy  
14:51 Mrs Lambley to Ms Manison  
14:55 Mr Wood to Ms Manison  
14:59 Mr Costa to Ms Fyles

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

**12. MEDICAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2016 (SERIAL 14) BILL AGREED TO**

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

Ms Fyles.

Question put and passed

Bill read a second time.

On the motion of Ms Fyles (Minister for Health), by leave, the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

**13. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: SUPPORTING AND GROWING JOBS MOTION TO NOTE**

Ms Manison (Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics) made a statement regarding supporting jobs and infrastructure in the Northern Territory.

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

Mr Higgins, Mr Vowles, Mr Wood, Ms Wakefield, Ms Lawler, Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Moss, Mr Kirby, Mr Costa.

On the motion of Ms Fyles debate was adjourned.

**14. MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: CRIME IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

The Speaker advised the Assembly that Mr Higgins had proposed a Matter of Public Importance.

“The Territory has experienced a crime wave over recent months with increases in break-ins in many locations and reports of strong community concern.

The Government’s Youth Crime overhaul fails to adequately deal with these problems and must go further to deal with all aspects of offending.”

Having received the necessary support discussion ensued.

Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Fyles, Mrs Lambley, Ms Wakefield, Mr Mills, Mr Wood, Mr Higgins.

Discussion concluded.

**15. PAPERS TABLED**

The Speaker tabled the following papers:

1. Travel Report, Member for Katherine, Ms Sandra Nelson, travelled to Brisbane to attend COAG Summit on reducing violence against women on 27 October 2016, dated 4 January 2017 (Paper 200)
2. Travel Report, Member for Nelson, Mr Gerry Wood, travelled to Queensland to look at Coal Seam Gas in Roma during October 2016, dated 4 January 2017 (Paper 199)

**16. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS, AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORTS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSES**

The Assembly considered the following reports:

1. Auditor-General for the Northern Territory, November 2016. Deferred.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mr Vowles, Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Lawler, Mr Paech, Ms Nelson, Mrs Worden, Mr McCarthy.

The Assembly adjourned at 21.09 until Wednesday 15 February 2017 at 10.00.

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**DEEMED PAPERS**

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

**Annual Reports 2015-2016:**

Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park Board, 2015/2016 (Paper 191)

Public Trustee for the Northern Territory, 2015/2016 (Paper 192)

***Plan of Management:***

Howard Springs Nature Park, October 2016 (Paper 194)

***Professional Standards Act 1994 (NSW)***

Instrument amending the RICS Valuers Limited Scheme (Paper 195)

**Report:**

Department of the Legislative Assembly, Employment Report 2015/2016 (Paper 193)

**Subordinate Legislation 2016:**

No. 43 of 2016, Liquor Amendment Regulations 2016 (Paper 196)

No. 44 of 2016, Fisheries Amendment Regulations 2016 (Paper 197)

No. 45 of 2016, Local Court (General) Amendment Rules 2016 (Paper 198)

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**ATTENDANCE**

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

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly