



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting Number 14
Wednesday 15 February 2017**

1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. MOTION: COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AGREED TO

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business), pursuant to notice, moved:

That the Assembly discharges the Member for 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 the Member for Namatjira to the Select Committee on opening Parliament to the People.

Question put and passed.

4. TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY LAW REFORM BILL 2017 (SERIAL 15)

Ms Fyles (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to reform the law relating to the termination of pregnancy, 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 201).

On the motion of Mrs Finocchiaro debate was adjourned.

5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: SUPPORTING AND GROWING JOBS MOTION TO NOTE

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

Mr Paech, Mr Sievers, Ms Nelson, Mr McCarthy.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.49 and 14.00.

6. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mrs Finocchiaro (Deputy Opposition Leader) gave notice pursuant to Standing Order 72 of an amended notice as follows:

That this Assembly calls on the Northern Territory Government to immediately deliver a PET Scanner and a cyclotron to the people of the Northern Territory.

2. Ms Purick will move on the next General Business day that this Assembly calls upon the NT Government to:

Recognise the importance of the Northern Territory annual show society shows to the community, tourism, culture and the economy.

That the seven agricultural and community shows being, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Adelaide River, Fred's Pass, Borroloola and Royal Darwin Shows are recognised as important community and economic events in the Northern Territory.

That the NT Government commits to a five year core funding model to the NT Show Council such that the shows can operate efficiently and effectively and deliver a quality product to all Territorians.

That the NT Government takes Government responsibility from the Chief Minister's Department to the more appropriate department of Tourism and Culture and/or Sport and Recreation.

That the Government fund an appropriate expert to undertake an economic impact statement of the seven shows such that a full and proper understanding is gained of the importance of the shows to the community and economy.

3. Mrs Lambley gave notice pursuant to Standing Order 72 of an amended notice as follows:

1. That the Assembly refers to the Public Accounts Committee for inquiry and report the efficiency, effectiveness and probity of the regulation and licensing of the Northern Territory Taxi industry, having particular regard to:

- (a) the allocation of taxi licenses by the Department of Transport
- (b) the sub-leasing of taxi licenses
- (c) the future of the taxi industry in the Northern Territory

2. This resolution has effect despite any inconsistency with the Standing Orders

4. Mr Higgins gave notice pursuant to Standing Order 72 of an amended notice as follows:

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.

7. PETITIONS

Mr Higgins presented Petition Number 7 from 643 petitioners not conforming with Standing Orders relating to changing Gazette S119 to bring Dan Murphys to Darwin (Paper 202).

Petition read.

8. QUESTIONS

14:03 Mr Wood to Mr Gunner

14:07 Mr Higgins to Ms Moss

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the former Deputy Chief Minister, Ms Marion Scrymgour.

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

14:11 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner

14:15 Mr Guyula to Ms Lawler

14:19 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner

14:23 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Manison

14:27 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner

14:31 Mr Wood to Ms Fyles

14:34 Mr Mills to Mr Gunner

14:38 Mr Guyula to Ms Fyles

14:41 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner

14:44 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles

14:49 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner

14:51 Mr Wood to Ms Fyles

14:55 Mr Guyula to Mr Gunner

14:59 Ms Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles

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

9. ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO 2) 2016 (SERIAL 8)

Mr Wood, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Electoral Act and the Electoral Regulations.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Mr Wood tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 209).

On the motion of Ms Manison debate was adjourned.

10. PLANNING AMENDMENT BILL 2016 (SERIAL 9)

Mr Wood, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Planning Act.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Mr Wood tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 210).

On the motion of Ms Manison debate was adjourned.

11. MOTION: NORTHERN TERRITORY TAXI INDUSTRY AGREED TO

Mrs Lambley pursuant to Standing Order 72 moved:

1. That the Assembly refers to the Public Accounts Committee for inquiry and report the efficiency, effectiveness and probity of the regulation and licensing of the Northern Territory Taxi industry, having particular regard to:

- (a) the allocation of taxi licenses by the Department of Transport
- (b) The sub-leasing of taxi licenses
- (c) The future of the taxi industry in the Northern Territory

2. This resolution has effect despite any inconsistency with the Standing Orders.

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

Question put and passed.

12. MOTION: USE OF LANGUAGE IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AGREED TO AS AMENDED

Mr Guyula, pursuant to notice, moved:

1. That this Assembly remove all words in Standing Order 23A and replace with the following:

A Member may rise to speak in any language other than English so long as an oral translation is provided in the English language by the same Member immediately prior to or after the words spoken in the language other than English.

2. That a new Standing Order 23B be adopted as follows:

A Member may be assisted on the floor of the Assembly by an interpreter to provide interpretation from the English language into the first language of the Member and from the first language of the Member into English. The interpreter will only be present for the purposes of interpreting and not for any other purpose and must vacate the floor when not undertaking those duties.

Mr Guyula, Mr Higgins, Mr Mills, Mr Wood.

Visitors: The Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of former Chief Minister Honourable Steve Hatton.

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

Ms Purick.

Ms Purick moved the following amendment:

Delete all words after "that" and insert the following:

The Standing Orders Committee is requested to inquire into and report to the Assembly with recommendations about Standing Order 23A and any proposals to amend that Standing Order and any that the Standing Orders Committee reports back in due course.

Ms Fyles, Mr Higgins, Mr Mills, Mr Guyula.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

13. MOTION: BUSINESS AND CONSUMER CONFIDENCE AGREED TO

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

That this Assembly calls on the Northern Territory Government to take immediate action to address the alarming slide in business and consumer confidence.

Mr Higgins.

Paper Tabled: Mr Higgins, by leave, tabled Media Release, Michael Gunner outlines first term agenda, dated 3 February 2016 (Paper 207).

Mr Higgins.

Paper Tabled: Mr Higgins, by leave, tabled Survey Report, Squire Patton Boggs Proposed Dan Murphy's Store Darwin Airport, McGregor Tan Research-Strategy-Solutions, December 2016 (Paper 208).

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

Question put and agreed to.

14. MOTION: PET SCANNER AND CYCLOTRON

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

That this Assembly calls on the Northern Territory Government to immediately deliver a PET scanner and a cyclotron to the people of the Northern Territory.

Mrs Finocchiaro.

Paper Tabled: Mrs Finocchiaro, by leave, tabled Media Release, PET Scanner takes major step forward with \$5million fast-tracked – Natasha Fyles, Minister for Health, dated 20 November 2016

Ms Fyles.

Debate suspended.

Pursuant to Standing Order 60, General Business was interrupted.

15. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: SUPPORTING AND GROWING JOBS STATEMENT NOTED

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

Ms Manison.

Question put and passed.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Gunner (Chief Minister) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Mr Gunner, Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Wakefield, Ms Purick, Mr Sievers, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Paech, Ms Nelson.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.55 until Thursday 16 February 2017 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Reports 2015-2016:

Cobourgh Peninsula Sanctuary and Marine Park Board, 2015/2016 (Paper 204)

Coroner's Act:

In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and Recommendations regarding the death of Mr Ryan Harry Donoghue, dated 3 June 2016 (Paper 205)

In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and Recommendation regarding the death of Madeline Jocelyn Rose Downman, dated 8 June 2016 (Paper 206)

ATTENDANCE

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

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly