



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting Number 10
Tuesday 29 November 2016**

1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of two Year 6 classes from Nightcliff Primary School accompanied by their teachers Mr Nick Kokkinomagoulous and Ms Janelle Saunders.

The Speaker further advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Members of the NT Isolated Children's Parent Association, Ms Tiani Cook, President (Supplejack Downs Station), Ms Sally Sullivan, Vice President (Cave Creek Station), Ms Sarah Measey, Treasurer (Douglas Daly Region) and Ms Sarah Cook of the Boarding Schools Portfolio (Aileron Station).

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

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding White Ribbon Day and invited Mr Charlie King, with leave of the Assembly, onto the floor to address Members in regard to the local No More campaign and to link hands to show opposition to domestic violence.

5. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AMENDMENT BILL 2016 (SERIAL 7): BILL AGREED TO

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

Ms Moss, Mrs Finocchiaro.

Paper Tabled: Mrs Finocchiaro, by leave, tabled IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation, International Association for Public Participation 2007 (Paper 158).).

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr McConnell, Mr Wood.

Visitors: The Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of a Year 5/6 class from Nightcliff Primary School accompanied by their teacher Mrs. Sue Mihailou.

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

Mr Wood, Mr Gunner, Mr Higgins, Ms Wakefield.

Debate suspended.

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

6. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled Justice Legislation Amendment (Body-worn Video and Domestic Violence Evidence) Bill 2016 (Serial 10).
2. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled Criminal Code Amendment (Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried) Bill 2016 (Serial 11).
3. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled Justice and Other Legislation Amendment (Australian Crime Commission) Bill 2016 (Serial 12).
4. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled Liquor Amendment Bill 2016 (Serial 13).
5. Ms Fyles (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will move on the next meeting day that Standing Orders be Suspended to pass the Liquor Amendment Bill 2016 (Serial 13) on urgency.
6. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move on the next General Business Day that the Government re-instate the Home Improvement Scheme.
7. Mr Gunner (Chief Minister) will move on the next meeting day:

That the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly appoints a person under section 4A of the Northern Territory *Inquiries Act* to inquire into and report on options for the reform of political funding and donations in the Northern Territory by no later than 12 months from today, including:

1. Should there be a cap on how much parties can spend on a campaign, how it should be calculated and what other details should be considered.
2. Whether or not 'full' or 'partial' public funding of political parties and candidates should be provided.
3. If a 'partial' public funding scheme is considered preferable, recommendations as to a potential model, the basis upon which such funding is to be provided and whether a threshold for such funding should be adopted (consideration should extend to any legislative/regulatory amendments that would be required to affect such a model).
4. What is the appropriate level to cap the value of political donations to parties, groups, candidates, elected members and third-party campaigners; what methodology should be used to determine that cap; and what measures can be put in place to ensure that any caps are effective.
5. Whether the current donations disclosure requirements are appropriate including potential changes to the method, timing and publication of disclosures.

6. What controls should apply to the making of political donations, including:
 - i. whether or not particular entities or groups of donors should be excluded; and
 - ii. any limitations or restrictions or caps on such political donations.
 7. Whether there have been any breaches of the Northern Territory *Electoral Act* in relation to donations made to political parties and candidates in the Northern Territory over the last 10 years.
 8. Any legislative or regulatory amendments that should be made to ensure that limits on political donations and disclosure requirements cannot be avoided through the use of third parties, associated entities or other means. To this end the inquiry will investigate:
 - i. The structure of Foundation 51 and the scope of its activities;
 - ii. The relationship between Foundation 51 and the Northern Territory Government and its Agencies and any related conflicts of interest;
 - iii. The relationship between Foundation 51 and the Country Liberal Party and any related conflicts of interest;
 - iv. The extent of direct and indirect financial and in-kind support provided by Foundation 51 to the Country Liberal Party, Members of Parliament and candidates for Parliamentary elections;
 - v. The extent of breaches of the Northern Territory *Electoral Act* and any other Territory legislation by Foundation 51; and
 - vi. The activities of Harold Nelson Holdings and its compliance with the Northern Territory *Electoral Act*.
 9. Any other matters relevant to political funding and donations. .
8. Mr Wood will present on the next General Business day a Bill entitled Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2016 (Serial 8).
 9. Mr Wood will present on the next General Business day a Bill entitled Planning Amendment Bill 2016 (Serial 9).

7. QUESTIONS

14:04 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14:07 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner – Supplementary
14:09 Ms Nelson to Ms Manison
14:12 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr McCarthy
14:16 Mr Kirby to Mr Gunner
14:20 Mr Guyula to Mr McCarthy
14:23 Mr McConnell to Ms Fyles
14:26 Mr Wood to Ms Manison
14:30 Ms Ah Kit to Mr McCarthy
14:33 Mr Higgins to Ms Moss
14:36 Mrs Worden to Ms Wakefield
14:40 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14:43 Mr Higgins to Mr McCarthy
14:47 Ms Uibo to Ms Lawler
14:50 Mr Collins to Mr Vowles
14:53 Mr Mills to Ms Manison
14:56 Mr Costa to Ms Fyles

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

Ms Lawler, pursuant to Standing Order 115 answered a question asked on a previous day by Mr Mills regarding the Department of Education's passive-active roll of students.

8. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AMENDMENT BILL 2016 (SERIAL 7) BILL AGREED TO

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

Mrs Lambley, Mr McCarthy.

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

Mr McCarthy.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved to consider the Bill in detail.

Consideration in Detail

The Assembly considered the Public Holidays Amendment Bill 2016 (Serial 7)

Bill as a whole taken together.

Debate ensued.

Bill was agreed to without amendments.

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 6

Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Guyula
Mr Higgins
Mrs Lambley
Mr Mills
Mr Wood

Motion agreed to.

9. PUBLIC INFORMATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2016 (SERIAL 6) BILL AGREED TO

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

Mr Higgins, Mr Wood, Ms Manison, Ms Lawler, Mr Mills, Mr Vowles, Mr Gunner.

Question put and passed.

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.

10. PAPER TABLED

The Speaker tabled the following paper:

Travel Report, Member for Spillett, Mrs Lia Finocchiaro travelled to Canberra to attend meetings with Federal Minister and Members to build working relationships with elected members, dated 24 November 2016 (Paper 162).

11. PAPER TABLED: TREASURER'S MID-YEAR REPORT 2016-2017

Ms Manison (Treasurer) tabled the Treasurer's Mid-Year Report 2016-2017 (Paper 163) and made a statement.

Ms Manison moved the Assembly take note of the report.

On the motion of Ms Fyles debate was adjourned.

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

The Assembly considered the following report:

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ms Lawler, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Guyula, Ms Purick, Ms Nelson, Mr Sievers.

The Assembly adjourned at 18.41 until 30 November 2016 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Reports 2015-2016:

Police (Special Investigative and Other Powers) Act 2015 (NT), Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission - Assumed Identities, dated 29 September 2016 (Paper 159)

Police (Special Investigative and Other Powers) Act 2015 (Paper 160)

Subordinate Legislation 2016:

No. 42 of 2016, Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal Amendment Rules 2016 (Paper 161)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly