



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting Number 20
Wednesday 22 March 2017**

1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 10/11 Legal Studies and History students from Taminmin College accompanied by their teachers, Kate Eadie and Danielle Hazelton.

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

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: EDUCATION MOTION TO NOTE

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

Mr Vowles, Mr Wood, Ms Wakefield, Mr Paech, Mr Sievers, Mr Collins, Ms Ah Kit.

Debate suspended.

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

5. PETITIONS

Ms Manison presented Petition Number 9 from 478 petitioners conforming to Standing Orders praying that the Northern Territory Government restore Motorcycle Education Training and Licensing (METAL) to save lives in the NT (Paper 251).

Petition read.

6. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 123, tabled Responses to Petition Number 5 Reinstate the Home Improvement Scheme and Petition Number 6 Re-open the Home Improvement Scheme (Paper 252 and 253).

7. QUESTIONS

14.01 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner

14.03 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles

14.05 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles – Supplementary

14.06 Mr Guyula to Mr Gunner

14.10 Mrs Lambley to Mr McCarthy
14.13 Mr Mills to Mr Gunner
14.16 Mr Wood to Ms Manison
14.19 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
14.22 Mr Higgins to Ms Fyles
14.26 Mr Guyula to Mr Gunner
14.29 Mrs Lambley to Mr McCarthy
14.32 Mr Wood to Mr Gunner
14.37 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Wakefield
14.38 Mr Higgins to Ms Moss
14.42 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
14.46 Mr Wood to Ms Manison
14.47 Mr Mills to Mr Gunner
14.49 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Lawler
14.51 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
14.54 Mrs Lambley to Ms Moss
14.58 Mr Wood to Mr Gunner

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.

8. MOTION AS AMENDED: NT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PRIORITISE RECRUITING QUALITY TEACHERS AGREED TO

Mr Wood, pursuant to notice, moved:

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.

Mr Wood, Ms Lawler.

Ms Lawler moved the following amendment.

Remove all words after 'that' and replace with 'the NT Department of Education prioritise attracting, recruiting and retaining quality teachers and implement strategies to build a diverse workforce.'

Ms Lawler, Mr Mills, Mr McCarthy, Mrs Finocchiaro, Ms Uibo, Mr Higgins, Mr Wood.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

9. MOTION: BUDGET PRIORITIES AGREED TO

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

That this Assembly calls on the government in the upcoming 2017-2018 budget to fulfil its election commitments, manage our finances responsibly and govern in the interests of all Territorians.

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

Question put and passed.

10. MOTION: RECOGNISING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY SHOW SOCIETY TO THE COMMUNITY

Ms Purick, pursuant to notice, moved:

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.

Ms Purick, Ms Moss.

Debate suspended.

Pursuant to Standing Order 60, General Business was interrupted.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr McCarthy (Minister for Housing) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Ms Lawler, Mr Sievers, Ms Uibo, Ms Nelson, Ms Wakefield.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.32 until Thursday 23 March 2017 at 10.00.

There were no deemed papers.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly