



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting Number 21
Thursday 23 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 5/6 students from Moulden Park Primary School accompanied by their teachers Julie Craighead, Vicky McDonald and Laura Morgan.

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

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding the Terror attacks at the Houses of Parliament in London, United Kingdom.

Mr Gunner, Mr Higgins, Mr Mills.

5. MOTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE AGREED TO

Ms Fyles moved that a leave of absence for today be granted to Ms Manison on account of Government business interstate.

Motion agreed to.

6. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS: QUESTION TIME

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) informed the Assembly that in the absence of Ms Manison questions regarding Children, Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics be directed to Ms Fyles and questions regarding Treasury be directed to Mr Gunner.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: SUPPORTING TERRITORY WOMEN MOTION TO NOTE

Ms Wakefield (Minister for Territory Families) made a statement regarding Women and achieving gender equality in the Northern Territory.

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

Ms Moss, Ms Lawler.

Visitors: The Acting Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5/6 students from Moulden Park Primary School accompanied by their teachers; Chet Dhaka and Jess Mc Ausland.

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

Ms Lawler, Ms Nelson, Ms Fyles.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5/6 students from Wulagi Primary School accompanied by their teachers Cameron Carmichael, Delsey Ah Wang and Lee Gray.

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

Ms Fyles.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.56 and 14.00.

8. PETITIONS

Mr Higgins presented Petition Number 10 from 175 petitioners conforming to Standing Orders praying for provision and availability of Improved Health Services in the Coomalie Shire (Paper 254).

Petition read.

9. QUESTIONS

- 14.01 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Fyles
- 14.05 Mr Sievers to Mr Gunner
- 14.09 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
- 14.12 Mrs Worden to Ms Lawler
- 14.16 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
- 14.18 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
- 14.21 Mr McConnell to Mr McCarthy
- 14.24 Mr Wood to Mr Vowles

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the partner of Ms Uibo, Mr Corey Charleston.

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

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- 14.27 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
 - 14.30 Mr McConnell to Mr Gunner
 - 14.34 Mrs Lambley to Mr Gunner
 - 14.38 Mr Collins to Mr Vowles
 - 14.42 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
 - 14.45 Ms Uibo to Ms Moss
 - 14.49 Mr Mills to Mr Gunner

14.53 Ms Ah Kit to Ms Wakefield

14.56 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner

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

10. REORDER OF BUSINESS

Ms Fyles (Leader of Government Business) pursuant to Standing Order 59 reordered the Routine of Business.

11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: SUPPORTING TERRITORY WOMEN STATEMENT NOTED

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

Mrs Finocchiaro.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the brother of Ms Nelson, Joao Miguel Carrascalao and niece Beatriz.

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

Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Wood, Mr McCarthy, Mr Collins, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Sievers, Mr Paech, Mr Costa, Mr Kirby, Ms Uiho, Mrs Worden, Ms Wakefield.

Question put and passed.

12. PAPERS TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled the following papers:

1. Annual Schedule of Members Travel at Government Expense and Annual Schedule containing Government Payments for each Member for Satellite Telephones for year 2016 (Paper 255).
2. Annual Return of Members' Interests (Paper 256).
3. Quarterly Members Fuel Transaction Reports, October – December 2016 (Paper 257).
4. Travel Report, Member for Karama, Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, travelled to Brisbane to attend the National Indigenous Labor Caucus meeting on 19 February 2017, dated 16 March 2017 (Paper 261).

13. MOTION: AUDITOR-GENERAL FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY, NOVEMBER 2016 AGREED TO

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

Mr McCarthy, Ms Fyles, Ms Moss.

Question put and passed.

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

The Assembly considered the following reports and responses:

1. Auditor-General for the Northern Territory, March 2017. Deferred.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr Higgins, Ms Lawler, Ms Purick, Mr Sievers, Ms Uibo, Ms Nelson, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Paech.

The Assembly adjourned at 19.21 until Tuesday 2 May 2017 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Government Owned Corporations Act - Jacana Energy, Power Water Corporation - Territory Generation

Letter, from Nicole Manison, to Mr Noel Faulkner, Chair, Jacana Energy, Issuing a Direction relating to 'Strengthened Buy Local' reforms, dated 13 March 2017 (Paper 258).

Letter, from Nicole Manison, to Mr Ken Clarke, Chair, Power Water Corporation, Issuing a Direction, relating to 'Strengthened Buy Local' reforms, dated 22 March 2017 (Paper 259).

Letter, from Nicole Manison, to Mr David De Silva, Chair, Territory Generation, Issuing a Direction relating to 'Strengthened Buy Local' reforms, dated 22 March 2017 (Paper 260).

ATTENDANCE

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

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly