



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting Number 22
Tuesday 2 May 2017**

1. MEETING

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

2. PRAYERS

3. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 4 students from Nightcliff Primary School accompanied by their teachers; Krissy Magee and Jill Patterson.

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

4. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of the following Message from His Honour the Administrator (Paper 265):

Message Number 4

Assent to Proposed Laws

I, JOHN HARDY AO, 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:

17 March 2017

Bail Amendment Act 2017 (Act No 5 of 2017)

5 April 2017

Justice Legislation Amendment (Body-worn Video and Domestic Violence Evidence) Act 2017 (Act No 6 of 2017)

24 April 2017

Termination of Pregnancy Law Reform Act 2017 (Act No 7 of 2017)

27 April 2017

JOHN HARDY AO
Administrator

5. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of the following Message from His Honour the Administrator (Paper 266):

Northern Territory of Australia

Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978 (Cth)

Message Number 5

Appropriation (2017-2018) Bill 2017

I, John Laurence Hardy, Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, under section 11 of the Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978 (Cth), recommend to the Legislative Assembly a Bill for an Act that authorises an amount to be paid from the Central Holding Authority to the Purposes of the Agencies specified in the Bill for the financial year ending 30 June 2018.

27 April 2017

JOHN HARDY

Administrator

6. REORDER OF BUSINESS – MOTION AGREED TO

Ms Fyles pursuant to Standing Order 59 moved that the Routine of Business this day proceed with Business of the Assembly followed by Government Business interrupted at 11am for the Treasurer's presentation of the Appropriation Bill in accordance with the provisions of Standing Orders 170 and 171.

Resumption at 2:30pm commencing with Notices, Petitions, Responses to Petitions, Questions and the normal routine of business outlined in Standing Order 60 to allow for the Government Members to speak on the Appropriation Bill and other bills during Government Business

I further move that tomorrow, the 3rd of May, the Leader of the Opposition's Budget reply commence at 10am, taking precedence over other business.

Question – put and passed.

7. PAPER TABLED: SELECT COMMITTEE ON OPENING PARLIAMENT TO THE PEOPLE: SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE OPENING PARLIAMENT TO THE PEOPLE, SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND ASSOCIATED MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS. – NOTE REPORT

Mr Collins, Chair of Select Committee on Opening Parliament to the People, made a statement and laid on the Table:

- Select Committee on the Opening Parliament to the People, Summary of Recommendations (Paper 262).
- Select Committee on the Opening Parliament to the People, Associated Minutes of Proceedings (Paper 263).
- Select Committee on the Opening Parliament to the People, Report on Opening Parliament to the People, March 2017 (Paper 264).

Debate adjourned.

8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: EDUCATION MOTION TO NOTE

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

Ms Ah Kit, Mrs Worden, Mr Kirby.

Debate adjourned.

9. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 4/5 students from Nightcliff Primary School accompanied by their teacher; Selina Chan.

The Speaker also advised the presence of former Ministers' Chris Burns and Kon Vatskalis.

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

10. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding filming by the media of the Treasurer's delivery of the Budget speech.

11. APPROPRIATION (2017-2018) BILL 2017 (SERIAL 20) ??)

Ms Manison (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to authorise an amount to be paid from the Central Holding Authority for the financial year ending 30 June 2018.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Manison moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Papers Tabled: Ms Manison laid upon the Table –

- Budget 2017-18, Budget Paper No. 1, Speech (Paper 267).
- Budget 2017-18, Budget Paper No. 2, Budget Strategy and Outlook (Paper 268).
- Budget 2017-18, Budget Paper No. 3, Agency Budget Statements (Paper 269)
- Budget 2017-18, Budget Paper No. 4, The Infrastructure Program (Paper 270).
- Budget 2017-18, Northern Territory Economy (Paper 271).
- Budget 2017-18, Regional Highlights (Paper 272).
- Budget 2017-18, Northern Territory Economy Overview (Paper 273).
- Budget 2017-18, Budget Overview (Paper 274).

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.38 and 14.30.

12. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Manison will present on the next meeting day a Bill entitled Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 Serial 22.
2. Mr Higgins (Leader of the Opposition) will move that on the next General Business day:

That this Assembly acknowledges the significant role that the Local Government sector plays in communities across the Northern Territory.

13. QUESTIONS

14.31 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison

14.34 Mrs Worden to Ms Manison

- 14.38 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison
- 14.41 Ms Ah Kit to Ms Manison
- 14.45 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
- 14.48 Ms Nelson to Ms Manison
- 14.52 Mrs Lambley to Ms Manison
- 14.56 Mr Sievers to Mr Gunner
- 14.59 Mr Wood to Ms Manison
- 15.03 Mr Kirby to Ms Fyles
- 15.07 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
- 15.11 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner - Supplementary
- 15.13 Mr Costa to Mr McCarthy
- 15.16 Mr Guyula to Ms Fyles
- 15.19 Ms Uiibo to Ms Lawler
- 15.22 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
- 15.26 Mr Collins to Mr Vowles
- 15.29 Mr Wood to Ms Manison

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

14. APPROPRIATION (2017-2018) BILL 2017 (SERIAL 20)]

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

Mr Gunner, Ms Fyles, Mr Vowles, Ms Moss, Ms Lawler.

Debate adjourned.

15. PAPERS TABLED

The Deputy Speaker tabled the following papers:

1. Travel Report, Member for Fong Lim, Mr Jeff Collins travelled to Katherine in January 2017 to attend meetings, dated 24 November 2016 (Paper 282).
2. Travel Report, Member for Arnhem, Ms Selena Uiibo, International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), United States of America, 27 January – 20 February 2017 (Paper 283).

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

The Assembly considered the following report:

3. The Auditor-General for the Northern Territory - *Report to the Legislative Assembly, March 2017*, Motion to Note. Deferred.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Ms Moss (Minister for Tourism) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Mr Gunner, Ms Lawler, Mr Paech, Mr Sievers, Ms Nelson, Ms Uiibo.

The Assembly adjourned at 18.48 until Wednesday 3 May 2017 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Professional Standards Act:

Notification, The Law Society of South Australia Professional Standards Scheme, dated 5 April 2017 (Paper 275)

Subordinate Legislation 2017:

No. 3 of 2017, Barramundi Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2017 (Paper 276)

No. 4 of 2017, Mud Crab Fishery Management Plan Amendment 2017 (Paper 277)

No. 5 of 2017, Supreme Court (Senior Counsel) Amendment Rules 2017 (Paper 278)

No. 6 of 2017, Juries Amendment Regulations 2017 (Paper 279)

No. 7 of 2017, Fisheries Amendment (Demersal Fishery Zones) Regulations 2017 (Paper 280)

No. 8 of 2017, Corporations Law Amendment Rules 2017 (Paper 281)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly