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NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 118

Thursday 23 June 2016

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**1. MEETING**

The Assembly met at 2pm. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick took the Chair.

**2. PRAYERS**

**3. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

The Speaker advised Members of receipt of the following Message from His Honour the Administrator (Paper 1886):

**Message No. 35 - Assent to Proposed Laws**

I, JOHN HARDY OAM, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, advise the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 7 of the Northern Territory (Self-Government Act) 1978 of the Commonwealth, the assent to the following proposed laws:

**7 June 2016**

Advance Personal Planning Amendment Act 2016 (**Act No 13 of 2016**)

Bushfires Management Act 2016 (**Act No 14 of 2016**)

Guardianship of Adults Act 2016 (**Act No 15 of 2016**)

Justice and Other Legislation Amendment (Records of Depositions and Other Matters) Act 2016 (**Act No 16 of 2016**)

**8 June 2016**

Justice Legislation Amendment (Drug Offences) Act 2016 (**Act No 17 of 2016**)

Menzies School of Health Research Amendment Act 2016 (**Act No 18 of 2016**)

Petroleum Amendment Act 2016 (**Act No 19 of 2016**)

Racing and Betting Legislation Amendment Act 2016 (**Act No 20 of 2016**)

Youth Justice Amendment Act 2016 (**Act No 21 of 2016**)

**9 June 2016**

Electricity Legislation Amendment Act 2016 (**Act No 22 of 2016**)

Fisheries Legislation Amendment Act 2016 (**Act No 23 of 2016**)

Dated 16 June 2016

**4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT**

The Speaker made a statement regarding Red Nose Day.

**5. PETITIONS**

Mr Higgins (Member for Daly), presented Petition No. 64 from 108 petitioners, conforming with Standing Orders praying for reticulated water for Darwin River, Southport and Berry Springs (Paper 1887)

Petition read.

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### **6. APPROPRIATION (2016-2017) BILL 2016 (SERIAL 170) - BILL AGREED TO**

The Assembly resolved to consider the Bill in detail.

#### **Consideration in Detail**

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Mr Wood (Deputy Chair of the Estimates Committee) made a statement and laid upon the Table –

1. Estimates Committee Report, 23 June 2016 (Paper 1890); and
2. Government Owned Corporations Scrutiny Committee Report, 23 June 2016 (Paper 1891)

Reports noted.

Debate ensued.

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**Paper Tabled:** Mr Elferink (Minister for Health) laid upon the Table – Photographs of Palmerston Hospital construction site (Paper 1892).

Debate continued.

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Remainder of the Bill taken as a whole and agreed to.

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On the motion of Mr Tollner, the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

### **7. PAPERS**

The Speaker tabled the following Papers –

1. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Barkly, Mr Gerry McCarthy – Travel to Darwin to attend caucus meetings and to travel to Garrmalang Festival 2016 between 16-21 May 2016, pursuant to clause 6.11, dated 16 June 2016 (Paper 1895).
2. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Arafura, Mr Francis Kurruwu – Travel to Melbourne to support the development of the historical statue of Tiwi elder, Matthias Ulungura, between 31 March – 3 April 2016, pursuant to clause 6.11, dated 2 June 2016 (Paper 1894).

### **8. PAPER TABLED – AUDITOR-GENERAL'S JUNE 2016 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – REPORT NOTED**

Madam Speaker laid on the Table – Auditor-General's June 2016 Report to the Legislative Assembly (Paper 1893).

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Assembly take note of the report.

Question - put and passed.

### **9. REPORTS**

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1. Public Accounts Committee Report – Public Private Partnership Arrangements for the Darwin Correctional Precinct – **Consideration Adjourned**
2. Public Accounts Committee Report – Inquiry into Structural Separation of the Power and Water Corporation – **Consideration Adjourned**
3. Committee on the Northern Territory's Energy Future Report – Key Challenges and Opportunities: Issues Paper – **Consideration Adjourned**
4. Auditor-General for the Northern Territory – Report to the Legislative Assembly, August 2015 – **Consideration Adjourned**
5. Auditor-General for the Northern Territory – Report to the Legislative Assembly, February 2016 – **Consideration Adjourned**
6. Standing Orders Committee Report – Matters of Question Time Reform, Infant Care and Right of Reply, March 2016 – **Consideration Adjourned**
7. Members' Interests Committee Report – Proposal to Table Members' Interests Returns and Upload the Tabled Documents on the Assembly Website Each Year – **Consideration Adjourned**
8. Public Accounts Committee, Report on Repairs and Maintenance of Housing on Town Camps, Final Report, May 2016 - **Consideration Adjourned**

### 10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

The Assembly adjourned at 4.30pm until Monday 27 June 2016 at 10.00am.

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### **PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been tabled on 23 June 2016 –

#### ***Professional Standards Act:***

Notification, The Queensland Law Society Professional Standards Scheme, pursuant to section 13(1), dated 16 May 2016 (Paper 1888)

#### **Subordinate Legislation 2016:**

No.11 of 2016, Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal Rules (Paper 1889)

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### **ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended the sittings.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly