



**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Meeting Number 23
Wednesday 03 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 former Chief Minister, the Honourable Shane Stone AC QC PGDK.

The Speaker also advised of the presence in the galleries of Year 5 students from Good Shepherd Lutheran College accompanied by their teachers Janet Boyce and Laura Warrender.

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

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding filming by the media of the Leader of the Opposition's Budget reply.

5. APPROPRIATION (2017-2018) BILL 2017 (SERIAL 20).

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

Mr Higgins.

Debate adjourned.

6. REVENUE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2017 (SERIAL 22)

Ms Manison, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the legislation for revenue measures contained in the 2017-18 Budget.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Ms Manison tabled the Explanatory Statement (Paper 284).

On the motion of Mr Sievers debate was adjourned.

7. APPROPRIATION (2017-2018) BILL 2017 (SERIAL 20).

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

Mr McCarthy, Mrs Worden.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of students from Good Shepherd Lutheran College accompanied by their teacher; Elizabeth Walker.

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

Mr Sievers.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of Meeting: The meeting of the Assembly was suspended between 11:55 and 14.00.

8. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Wood (Member for Nelson) will move on the next meeting day that the government sets up a task force from Motorsport Northern Territory, and the departments responsible for Crown lands, the department responsible for sport and recreation, the police department, and any other departments that may have an interest, to look at establishing an off road park in the greater Darwin region so that the owners of ATVs and quad bikes can enjoy the use of their vehicles in a safe and accessible environment. The task force could also look at the facility for competition to attract both local and interstate riders. The possibility of a recreational licence for bikes should also be included in discussions.
2. Mr Wood (Member for Nelson) will move on the next meeting day that the definition of the RR (rural residential) zone as described in the Northern Territory planning scheme, state that the minimum lot size for the RR zone in the Litchfield municipality is 1ha. This was always the definition since that zone was established but only changed last year by the previous CLP Minister for Planning.

9. QUESTIONS

- 14.02 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison
- 14.06 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
- 14.10 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison
- 14.13 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
- 14.17 Mr Higgins to Ms Manison
- 14.21 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner
- 14.24 Mrs Finocchiaro to Mr Gunner – Supplementary
- 14.26 Mr Wood to Ms Moss
- 14.28 Mr Mills to Mr Gunner
- 14.32 Mrs Lambley to Ms Manison
- 14.36 Mr Guyula to Mr Gunner
- 14.40 Mr Wood to Mr McCarthy
- 14.43 Mrs Lambley to Ms Manison
- 14.47 Mr Wood to Mr McCarthy
- 14.51 Mr Guyula to Ms Manison
- 14.54 Mr Higgins to Mr Gunner
- 14.58 Mrs Finocchiaro to Ms Manison

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.

10. MOTION: CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ALICE SPRINGS HOSPITAL NOT AGREED TO

Mrs Lambley (Member for Araluen), pursuant to notice, moved:

That the government commences planning for a New Alice Springs Hospital to be built on a new site by 2030.

Debate ensued:

Mrs Lambley, Ms Fyles, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mrs Wakefield, Mrs Lambley.

Question put and not agreed to.

11. MOTION: IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREED TO

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

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

Debate ensued:

Mr Higgins, Mr McCarthy, Mr Wood, Mrs Worden, Mrs Lambley, Mr Paech, Mrs Finocchiaro, Mr Higgins.

Question put and passed.

12. MOTION: ASSESSMENT OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY ONSHORE GAS INDUSTRY

Mr Mills (Member for Blain), pursuant to notice, moved:

That this assembly calls upon the Northern Territory Government to conduct a comprehensive economic assessment of how a carefully managed onshore gas industry would affect the Northern Territory.

This assessment should include but not be restricted to an assessment of royalty scheme options for the Northern Territory and the effect on regional economic development including employment and training.

An assessment of the economic impact of onshore gas exploration on small to medium sized Northern Territory enterprises.

And consideration should also include an assessment of gas reservation policy options and a cost benefit analysis of gas reservation or otherwise on Northern Territory economic development.

Debate ensued:

Mr Mills, Mr Vowles, Mr Wood, Mrs Finocchiaro.

Debate suspended.

Pursuant to Standing Order 60, General Business was interrupted.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Ms Manison (Deputy Chief Minister) moved that the Assembly adjourn.

Ms Moss, Ms Uibo, Mr Higgins, Mr Wood, Ms Purick.

Paper Tabled: Ms Purick, by leave, tabled article, Sculpture by Mitsuaki Tanabe in Far Northern International Seed Vault (Paper 287).

Mr Paech, Ms Ah Kit, Mr Kirby, Mr Sievers.

The Assembly adjourned at 19:55 until Thursday 4 May 2017 at 10.00.

DEEMED PAPERS

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

Annual Report 2015-2016:

Jabiru Town Development Authority, 2015-2016 (Paper 285)

Coroner's Act:

In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and Recommendations regarding the death of Master Justin Morgan-Parke, dated 18 April 2017 (Paper 286)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the meeting.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly