



Opposition NEWS

Gary Higgins MLA | Lia Finocchiaro MLA



What Happened in the House

The Latest Opposition News from the Legislative Assembly

Sitting Week 14TH - 16TH February 2017

Below is a summary of the business that was considered by the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly in its most recent week of sittings. The Government failed to put forward any serious solutions to the unprecedented Labor Crime Wave that has hit the Territory, despite the Opposition offering to support legislation on urgency.

Territorians deserve better and we will keep up the pressure on your behalf to see that serious solutions to this significant problem are delivered.

GARY HIGGINS MLA
Leader of the Opposition

LIA FINOCCHIARO MLA
Deputy Leader of the Opposition

Bills considered by the Assembly:

Bill:

[Statute Law Revision Bill 2016](#)

[Medical Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2016](#)

Status:

Mrs Finocchiaro spoke on behalf of the Opposition at the Second Reading, the Bill was then PASSED on the voices.

Mrs Finocchiaro spoke on behalf of the Opposition at the Second Reading, further debate on the Bill was then ADJOURNED.

[Domestic and Family Violence \(Recognition of Domestic Violence Orders\)\(National Uniform Law\) Amendment Bill 2016](#)

Mrs Finocchiaro spoke on behalf of the Opposition at the Second Reading, further debate on the Bill was then ADJOURNED.

[Classification of Publications, Films and Computer Games Amendment Bill 2016](#)

Mrs Finocchiaro spoke on behalf of the Opposition at the Second Reading, the Bill was then PASSED on the voices.

[Termination of Pregnancy Law Reform Bill 2017](#)

Introduced by the Minister for Health, the Bill was then read a first time and further debate on the Bill was then ADJOURNED at the Second Reading.

[Planning Amendment Bill 2016](#)

Introduced by the Member for Nelson, the Bill was then read a first time and further debate on the Bill was ADJOURNED at the Second Reading.

[Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill \(No. 2\) 2016](#)

Introduced by the Member for Nelson, the Bill was then read a first time and further debate on the Bill was ADJOURNED at the Second Reading.

Motions considered by the Assembly:

Motion:

Status:

Northern Territory Taxi Industry

An *amended* motion was moved by the Member for Araluen, Mr Higgins spoke on behalf of the Opposition and the motion was put and PASSED on the voices.

Use of Language in the Legislative Assembly

Moved by the Member for Nhulunbuy with an *amendment* moved by the Member for Goyder, Mr Higgins spoke on behalf of the Opposition and the amendment was put and PASSED on the voices. The *motion as amended* was put and PASSED on the voices.

Business and Consumer Confidence

Moved by Mr Higgins, who with Mrs Finocchiaro spoke on behalf of the Opposition and the motion was put and PASSED on the voices.

PET Scanner and Cyclotron

Moved by Mrs Finocchiaro who spoke on behalf of the Opposition and further debate on the motion was ADJOURNED.

Committee Membership (*Replacement of the Member for Stuart on two committees*)

Moved by the Leader of Government Business. Put and PASSED on the voices without debate.

Suspension of Standing Orders to enable for a motion to be moved to refer the *Termination of Pregnancy Law Reform Bill 2017* to a Select Committee.

Moved by the Member for Nelson, Mrs Finocchiaro spoke in support of the procedural motion on behalf of the Opposition. The motion was put and LOST after a division (Ayes 5, Noes 17).

Matter of Public Importance:

Crime in the Northern Territory

Mrs Finocchiaro pursuant to Standing Order 66, proposed the following Matter of Public Importance, that:

“The Territory has experienced a crime wave over recent months with increases in break-ins in many locations and reports of strong community concern.

The Government’s Youth Crime overhaul fails to adequately deal with these problems and must go further to deal with all aspects of offending.”

Both Mrs Finocchiaro and Mr Higgins spoke to the Matter of Public Importance.

Ministerial Statements:

Supporting and Growing Jobs Motion to Note

The Deputy Chief Minister and Treasurer made a statement regarding supporting jobs and infrastructure in the Northern Territory.

Mr Higgins and Mrs Finocchiaro spoke on behalf of the Opposition to the Ministerial Statement. The motion to note the statement was then put and PASSED.

The Year Ahead Motion to Note

The Chief Minister made a statement regarding the Northern Territory's economic agenda.

Mr Higgins and Mrs Finocchiaro spoke on behalf of the Opposition to the Ministerial Statement. The motion to note the statement was then ADJOURNED.

Question Time:

Day:	Questions:
Tuesday*	4 + 1 Supplementary Question
Wednesday	7
Thursday	4 + 1 Supplementary Question

**The Chief Minister was absent from Parliament on Tuesday, 14th February 2017.*

Petitions:

Mr Higgins presented a non-conforming petition from 643 petitions relating to Government's stance on the Dan Murphy's development.

Adjournment Debates:

Topic:	Member:
Australia Day Family Fun Day at YMCA Palmerston Swimming and Fitness Centre	Mrs Finocchiaro delivered this adjournment speech on Tuesday.
Charles Darwin University Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Graduates	Mrs Finocchiaro delivered this adjournment speech on Wednesday.
Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month	Mrs Finocchiaro delivered this adjournment speech on Thursday.

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