

# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 29

Tuesday 27 August 2013

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**1. STATEMENT FROM THE CLERK**

Pursuant to Standing Order 9, the Clerk informed the Assembly of the absence of the Speaker.

**2. MEETING**

The Assembly met at 10am. The Deputy Speaker, Mr Gary Higgins took the Chair.

**3. PRAYERS**

**4. VISITORS**

The Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 10 students from Casuarina Senior College.

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

**5. QUESTIONS**

- 10.03 Ms Lawrie to Minister for Education
- 10.07 Mrs Price to Chief Minister
- 10.11 Mr Gunner to Minister for Education
- 10.15 Mr Kurrupuwu to Treasurer
- 10.18 Mr Gunner to Minister for Education
- 10.22 Ms Finocchiaro to Attorney-General
- 10.26 Mr Wood to Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries
- 10.30 Mr Gunner to Minister for Education
- 10.35 Ms Lee to Minister for Mines and Energy
- 10.39 Mr Wood to Minister for Mines and Energy
- 10.42 Ms Finocchiaro to Treasurer
- 10.45 Ms Walker to Minister for Education

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### Suspension of Standing Orders

Mr Gunner (Member for Fannie Bay) moved — That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent this House from censuring the Government.

Question put -

The Assembly divided:

**Ayes 7**

Ms Fyles  
Mr Gunner  
Ms Lawrie  
Ms Manison  
Mr Vatskalis  
Mr Vowles  
Ms Walker

**Noes 14**

Ms Anderson  
Mr Chandler  
Mr Conlan  
Mr Elferink  
Ms Finocchiaro  
Mr Giles  
Mr Higgins  
Mr Kurrupuwu  
Mrs Lambley  
Ms Lee  
Mr Mills  
Mrs Price  
Mr Tollner  
Mr Westra van Holthe

Motion negatived.

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**6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE - MEMBER FOR SANDERSON - GRANTED**

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) moved - That leave of absence be granted to Mr Styles (Member for Sanderson) for today on account of illness.

Leave of absence granted.

**7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE - MEMBER FOR BARKLY**

Mr Gunner (Member for Fannie Bay) moved - That leave of absence be granted to Mr McCarthy (Member for Barkly) for today, tomorrow and Thursday on account of electorate business.

Debate ensued.

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**Visitors:** The Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5 and 6 students from Holy Family Catholic Primary School.

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

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**Extension of Time:** On the motion of Mrs Lambley, Mr Tollner was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued

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**Visitors:** The Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5 and 6 students from Rosebery Primary School.

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

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Debate suspended.

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**Suspension of sittings:** The sitting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.54am and 2.00pm.

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**8. NOTICES**

The following Notices were given:

1. Mr Gunner (Member for Fannie Bay) to present a bill entitled – Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Fire-Fighters) Bill 2013 (Serial 43).
2. Mr Elferink (Attorney General) to present a bill entitled – Criminal Code Amendment (Female Genital Mutilation) Bill 2013 (Serial 37).
3. Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business), on behalf of Mr Giles (Chief Minister), advised the Assembly that Mr Giles would present a bill entitled – Succession to the Crown (Request)(National Uniform Legislation) Bill 2013 (Serial 39).
4. Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business), on behalf of Mr Giles (Chief Minister), advised the Assembly that Mr Giles would present a bill entitled – Emergency Management Bill 2013 (Serial 38).

**9. LEAVE OF ABSENCE - MEMBER FOR BARKLY - NOT GRANTED**

Resumption of debate, suspended earlier this day, on the question - That leave of absence be granted to Mr McCarthy (Member for Barkly) for today, tomorrow and Thursday on account of electorate business.

Debate ensued.

Question put -

The Assembly divided:

**Ayes 7**

Ms Fyles  
Mr Gunner  
Ms Lawrie  
Ms Manison  
Mr Vatskalis  
Mr Vowles  
Ms Walker

**Noes 12**

Ms Anderson  
Mr Chandler  
Mr Conlan  
Mr Elferink  
Ms Finocchiaro  
Mr Higgins  
Mrs Lambley  
Ms Lee  
Mr Mills  
Mrs Price  
Mr Tollner  
Mr Westra van Holthe

Motion negatived.

**10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY - MOTION TO NOTE AGREED TO**

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) made a statement relating to establishing an Administrative Appeals Tribunal in the Northern Territory.

Mr Elferink moved – That the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and passed.

**11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY - MOTION TO NOT AGREED TO**

Mr Tollner (Treasurer) made a statement relating to the work the Government is undertaking to deliver and manage infrastructure assets.

Mr Tollner moved – That the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

**Extension of Time:** On the motion of Ms Finocchiaro, Mr Wood was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question — put and passed.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Giles (Chief Minister) moved — That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and passed.

And the Assembly adjourned at 7.48pm until Wednesday 28 August at 10am.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been Tabled on 27 August 2013 —

***Financial Management Act:***

Authorisation, Issue of Increased Funds available from the Commonwealth, pursuant to section 19A(1), dated 27 June 2013 (Paper 473).

Direction Transfer of Excess Appropriations, pursuant to section 20(1), dated 27 June 2013 (Paper 474).

**Statement of Corporate Intent:**

Motor Accident Compensation - 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2016 (Paper 475).

TIO Group - 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2016 (Paper 476).

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended the sittings, except Ms Purick, Mr Mc Carthy and Mr Styles (on leave).

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly