

# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## No. 3

Thursday 25 October 2012

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1. **MEETING:**  
The Assembly met at 10am. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick, took the Chair.
2. **PRAYERS.**
3. **PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS-IN-REPLY:**  
The Speaker advised Members that she would present the Address-in-Reply to Her Honour the Administrator at 11.30 am today and invited Members to accompany her to Government House, leaving at approximately 11.15am from Parliament House. The Leader of Government Business (Mr Elferink) and the Member for Fannie Bay (Mr Gunner), by leave, respectively made statements relating thereto.
4. **VISITORS:**  
The Speaker advised Members of the presence in the Public Gallery of Year 5/6 Leanyer Primary School students.  
On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.
5. **SPEAKER'S WARRANT – ACTING DEPUTY SPEAKERS:**  
The Speaker laid on the Table Her Warrant pursuant to Standing Order 12 nominating the following Members to act as Deputy Chair of Committees when requested so to do by the Speaker:

Ms Larisa Lee  
Mrs Bess Price

Given under my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012.

Signed  
Kezia Purick  
Speaker (Paper 41)

6. **QUESTIONS:**

10.04am	Ms Lawrie to Mr Mills and supplementary question.
10.08am	Mr Higgins to Mr Mills.
10.12am	Ms Lawrie to Mr Mills.
10.13am	Mr Styles to Mr Mills.
10.17am	Mr Vatskalis to Mr Mills.
10.19am	Mr Kurrupuwu to Mr Mills.
10.21am	Mr Wood to Mr Mills.
10.22am	Ms Lawrie to Mr Mills.
10.25am	Ms Fyles to Mrs Lambley.
10.28am	Mr Gunner to Mr Mills.
10.31am	Ms Lee to Mrs Lambley.
10.34am	Ms Fyles to Mrs Lambley.
10.37am	Ms Finocchiaro to Mr Chandler.
10.40am	Mr Gunner to Mr Mills.
10.41am	Mr Wood to Mr Tollner and referred to Mr Elferink.
10.44am	Mrs Price to Mr Giles.
10.47am	Ms Fyles to Mr Mills.
10.50am	Mr Styles to Mr Conlan.
10.53am	Mr Higgins to Mr Chandler.
10.56am	Mr Gunner to Mr Mills.
10.58am	Mr Vatskalis to Mr Mills.

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The Leader of Government Business (Mr Elferink) asked that further questions be placed on the Written Question Paper.

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

**8. STATEMENT BY SPEAKER – GOVERNMENT HOUSE PHOTOGRAPH OF MEMBERS:**

The Speaker advised Members that at the reception for Members at Government House to present the Address-in-Reply a group photograph of all Members would be taken for historical purposes.

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**Suspension of sittings:** The sittings of the Assembly was suspended between 11.02am and 2pm.

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**9. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY – PRESENTATION TO ADMINISTRATOR**

The Speaker advised that accompanied by Honourable Members today she attended upon Her Honour the Administrator and there presented to her the Address-in-Reply to the speech Her Honour delivered on the occasion of the opening of the Twelfth Assembly, and that Her Honour had been pleased to make the following reply:

“Madam Speaker, thank you for your Address-in-Reply which you have presented to me.

It will afford me pleasure to convey to Her Majesty the Queen the message of loyalty of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia to which the address gives expression.”.

**10. NOTICES:**

The following Notices were given –

Mr Mills: To present the Police Administration Amendment Bill 2012 (Serial 4).

Mr Mills: To present the Planning Amendment Bill 2012 (Serial 6).

**Visitors:** The Speaker advised members of the presence in the public gallery of Maningrida Middle School students.

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

**11. RAIL SAFETY (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) BILL 2012 (Serial 5):**

The Minister for Transport (Mr Giles), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to apply as a law of the Territory a national law regulating rail safety, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Giles moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

**Paper tabled:** Mr Giles laid on the Table the following Paper –

- Explanatory Statement, Rail Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Bill 2012 (Paper 42).

On the motion of the Member for Barkly (Mr McCarthy) debate was adjourned.

**12. NORTHERN TERRITORY ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY BILL 2012 (Serial 7):**

The Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment (Mr Mills), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority and for related purposes.

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Bill read a first time.

Mr Mills moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

**Paper tabled:** Mr Mills laid on the Table the following Paper –

- Explanatory Statement, Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority Bill 2012 (Paper 43).

On the motion of the Member for Fannie Bay (Mr Gunner) debate was adjourned.

### 13. **TOURISM NT BILL 2012 (Serial 8):**

The Minister for Tourism and Major Events (Mr Conlan), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to reconstitute Tourism NT as a Commission, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Conlan moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

**Paper tabled:** Mr Conlan laid on the Table the following Paper –

- Explanatory Statement, Tourism NT Bill 2012 (Serial 8) (Paper 44).

On the motion of the Member for Johnston (Mr Vowles) debate was adjourned.

### 14. **TOURISM NT BILL 2012 (SERIAL 8) – PASS ALL STAGES – MOTION AGREED TO:**

The Minister for Tourism and Major Events (Mr Conlan), pursuant to notice, moved – That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Tourism NT Bill 2012 (Serial 8) passing through all stages on Thursday 1 November 2012.

Debate ensued.

Question - That the motion be agreed to - put.

The Assembly divided (the Speaker, Hon. Kezia Purick, in the Chair) -

AYES, 14

NOES, 9

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 Styles

Mr Tollner

Ms Fyles

Mr Gunner

Mr Henderson

Ms Lawrie

Mr McCarthy

Mr Vatskalis

Mr Vowles

Ms Walker

Mr Wood

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question – put and passed.

### 15. **OUR HOUSING PRICES – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:**

The Chief Minister (Mr Mills) made a statement relating to the rising cost of housing in the Territory.

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

Debate ensued.

**Quorum:** The Member for Karama (Ms Lawrie) drew attention to the state of the House.

Bells having been rung and a Quorum having been obtained -

Debate resumed.

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**Extension of time:** On the motion of the Member for Barkly (Mr McCarthy) the Member for Karama (Ms Lawrie) was granted an extension of time, pursuant to Standing Order 77.

Debate resumed.

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Debate resumed.

**Extension of time:** On the motion of the Member for Barkly (Mr McCarthy) the Member for Nhulunbuy (Ms Walker) was granted an extension of time, pursuant to Standing Order 77.

Debate resumed.

**Extension of time:** On the motion of the Member for Johnston (Mr Vowles) the Member for Barkly (Mr McCarthy) was granted an extension of time, pursuant to Standing Order 77.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned, Mr Giles in continuation.

**16. MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE – TIWI ISLANDS, INTRODUCTION OF FULL STRENGTH BEER:**

The Speaker advised the Assembly that the Member for Karama (Ms Lawrie) had proposed the following definite Matter of Public Importance for discussion this day:

The reintroduction of full strength beer to the Tiwi Islands.

The proposed discussion having been received the necessary support – The Member for Karama (Ms Lawrie) thereupon addressed the Assembly.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

And the Assembly adjourned at 8.14pm, until Tuesday, 30 October 2012 at 10am.

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**PAPERS:**

The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on 25 October 2012 –

**Annual Report:**

Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Registration) Act 2004, 2011/2012  
(Paper 45)

Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment, 2011/2012 (Paper 46)

Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment, State of the Service Report,  
2011/2012 (Paper 47)

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**ATTENDANCE:**

All Members attended the sittings except Mr Westra van Holthe, on leave.