

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 92

Wednesday 17 June 2015

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 10am. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick took the Chair.

2. PRAYERS

3. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of students from two year 5/6 classes from Wulagi Primary School.

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

4. BILL TO PASS ALL STAGES ON URGENCY – MOTION AGREED TO

Mr Chandler (Minister for Transport) pursuant to notice, moved – That the Motor Vehicles (Private Car Parking) Amendment Bill 2015 (Serial 131) be considered on urgency and pass through all stages forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

5. MOTOR VEHICLES (PRIVATE CAR PARKING) AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 131)

Mr Chandler (Minister for Transport), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Motor Vehicles Act*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Chandler moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Mr Chandler laid upon the Table the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1384).

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5/6 students from Wulagi Primary School.

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

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill in detail.

In Committee

Mr Conlan (Chair of Committees) took the Chair.

The Committee considered the Motor Vehicles (Private Car Parking) Amendment Bill 2015 (Serial 131).

Bill taken as a whole.

Committee agreed to report progress.

The Assembly resumed; the Speaker took the Chair; Mr Conlan reported progress.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of sittings: The sitting of the Assembly was suspended between 12 noon and 2.00pm.

6. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Lookrukin Indigenous Women's Leadership Development Program participants.

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

7. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Styles (Minister for Business) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Return to Work Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 (Serial 127).
2. Mr Elferink (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Statute Law Amendment (Directors' Liability) Bill 2015 (Serial 128).

8. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 100A, laid upon the Table Response to Petition Number 43 (Paper 1385).

9. QUESTIONS

- 2.03 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister
- 2.04 Mrs Finocchiaro to Chief Minister
- 2.07 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister
- 2.11 Mr Conlan to Treasurer
- 2.15 Mr Vowles to Chief Minister
- 2.19 Mr Barrett to Minister for Asian Engagement and Trade
- 2.22 Ms Lee to Minister for Women's Policy
- 2.24 Mr Barrett to Chief Minister
- 2.27 Ms Moss to Chief Minister
- 2.30 Mr Conlan to Minister for Public Employment
- 2.34 Ms Fyles to Chief Minister
- 2.38 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Business
- 2.41 Mr Wood to Minister for Lands and Planning
- 2.44 Ms Walker to Minister for Women's Policy (supplementary question)
- 2.48 Mr Kurrupuwu to Chief Minister
- 2.52 Ms Manison to Chief Minister
- 2.53 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Health
- 2.56 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister
- 3.00 Mr Kurrupuwu to Chief Minister

Mr Giles (Chief Minister) asked that further questions be placed on the Written Question Paper.

10. MOTOR VEHICLES (PRIVATE CAR PARKING) AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 131) - BILL AGREED TO

Resumption of consideration of the Bill in detail.

The Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

In Committee

Mr Conlan (Chair of Committees) took the Chair.

The Committee considered the Motor Vehicles (Private Car Parking) Amendment Bill 2015 (Serial 131).

Bill taken as a whole and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendments.

The Assembly resumed; the Deputy Speaker took the Chair; Mr Conlan reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendments.

The Deputy Speaker put the question - That the Report be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of Mr Chandler (Minister for Transport), the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

11. DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 126)

Mr Elferink (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Domestic and Family Violence Act*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Elferink moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Mr Elferink laid upon the Table the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1386).

On the motion of Ms Fyles (Member for Nightcliff) debate was adjourned.

12. FINES AND PENALTIES (RECOVERY) AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 129)

Mr Elferink (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fines and Penalties (Recovery) Act*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Elferink moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Mr Elferink laid upon the Table the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1387).

On the motion of Ms Fyles (Member for Nightcliff) debate was adjourned.

13. WITHDRAWAL OF A NOTICE TO INTRODUCE A BILL

Pursuant to Standing Order 173 (5), Mr Vowles (Member for Johnston) notified the Assembly that he withdraws General Business, Notices number 1 - Motor Vehicles Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 (Serial 130).

14. TREASURER'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2013/2014 - REPORT NOTED

Resumption of debate on the motion – That the Assembly take note of the report.

Debate resumed.

Question – put and passed.

15. TREASURER'S MID-YEAR REPORT 2014/2015 – REPORT NOTED

Mr Gunner (Member for Fannie Bay) moved – That the Assembly take note of the report.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

16. AUDITOR-GENERAL'S AUGUST 2014 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – REPORT NOTED

Resumption of debate on the motion – That the Assembly take note of the Report.

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

17. AUDITOR-GENERAL'S FEBRUARY 2015 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – MOTION TO NOTE

Resumption of debate on the motion – That the paper be printed.

Question – put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Debate suspended.

General Business: The time being 5.30pm, General Business commenced.

18. OMBUDSMAN NT INVESTIGATION REPORT – MOTION NOT AGREED TO

Mr Wood (Member for Nelson) pursuant to notice, moved – That this Assembly:

- (a) Notes the findings and recommendations of the Ombudsman's Report into matters arising from allegations of inappropriate conduct by a former Commissioner of Police and another police officer;
- (b) Supports the creation of an Anti-Corruption Commission in the Northern Territory;
- (c) Commends the Commissioner for Police on steps taken to establish a special references unit to investigate corruption, matters with potential sensitivities, serious conflicts of interest and other complex internal measures; and
- (d) Notes the response of the Commissioner of Police to the Ombudsman's report.

Debate ensued.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr McCarthy (Member for Barkly), Mrs Lambley (Member for Araluen) was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Ms Manison (Member for Wanguri), Ms Walker (Member for Nhulunbuy) was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question – put

The Assembly divided:

Ayes - 12	Noes - 12
Ms Anderson	Mr Barrett
Ms Fyles	Mr Chandler
Mr Gunner	Mr Conlan
Mrs Lambley	Mr Elferink
Ms Lawrie	Mrs Finocchiaro
Ms Lee	Mr Giles
Mr McCarthy	Mr Higgins
Ms Manison	Mr Kurrupuwu
Ms Moss	Mrs Price
Mr Vowles	Mr Styles
Ms Walker	Mr Tollner
Mr Wood	Mr Westra van Holthe

Motion not agreed to.

19. CASH FOR CONTAINERS PROGRAM – MOTION AGREED TO

Mr Wood (Member for Nelson) pursuant to notice, moved – That the Assembly calls on the Government to report on:

- any plans it has to increase the participation rate of Cash for Containers program;
- any plans it has to expand the number of Cash for Container Depots in the Northern Territory;
- any negotiations it has had with the SA Government to expand the type of container covered by the scheme;
- any negotiations it has had with the NSW Government who intend to introduce a Cash for container Scheme in 2017;
- any negotiations with the Queensland Government who promised to introduce a Cash for Containers Scheme during the recent election; and
- any possible plans to widen the scope of the scheme to cover other items such as chemical containers.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

20. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Assembly adjourned at 9.13pm until Thursday 18 June 2015 at 10.00am.

PAPERS

No papers were deemed to have been Tabled on 17 June 2015.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the sittings.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly