

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 4

Tuesday 30 October 2012

1. **MEETING:**
The Assembly met at 10am. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick, took the Chair.
2. **PRAYERS.**
3. **VISITORS:**
The Speaker advised Members of the presence in the public galleries of Palmerston Christian School Year 8 students accompanied by Mrs Ana Abbott.
On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.
4. **QUESTIONS:**

10.01am	Ms Lawrie to Mrs Lambley.
10.02am	Mr Kurrupuwu to Mr Mills.
10.05am	Ms Lawrie to Mrs Lambley.
10.09am	Ms Lawrie to Mrs Lambley supplementary.
10.10am	Ms Finocchiaro to Mr Mills.
10.14am	Mr McCarthy to Mrs Lambley.
10.15am	Mr Wood to Mr Tollner.
10.17am	Mrs Price to Mr Mills.
10.20am	Ms Lawrie to Mrs Lambley.
10.22am	Mr Higgins to Mrs Lambley.
10.26am	Mr Vatskalis to Mrs Lambley.
10.27am	Ms Lee to Mrs Lambley.
10.30am	Mr McCarthy to Mrs Lambley.
10.31am	Mr Higgins to Mr Westra van Holthe.
10.35am	Ms Fyles to Mrs Lambley.
10.37am	Mr Wood to Mr Tollner.
10.41am	Mrs Price to Mr Westra van Holthe.
10.44am	Mr Gunner to Mrs Lambley.
10.45am	Ms Lee to Mr Conlan.
10.48am	Mr Gunner to Mrs Lambley.
10.50am	Mr Styles to Mr Chandler.
10.54am	Mr Gunner to Mrs Lambley.
10.57am	Mr Wood to Mr Mills.
10.58am	Mr Kurrupuwu to Mr Giles.

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

Answer to question: The Minister for Mines and Energy (Mr Westra van Holthe) provided an answer to a question asked by the Member for Nelson (Mr Wood) on 25 October 2012 relating to the Mt Todd Gold Mine.

5. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE – MINISTER FOR BUSINESS (MR CHANDLER) – MOTION AGREED TO:**
The Leader of Government Business (Mr Elferink) moved - That leave of absence be granted to the Minister for Business (Mr Chandler) from 12 Noon today to the close of business of the Assembly, 31 October 2012.
Question – put and passed.
6. **POLICE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 2012 (Serial 4):**
The Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services (Mr Mills), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Police Administration Act*.
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, Police Administration Amendment Bill 2012 (Paper 48).

On the motion of the Member for Casuarina (Mr Vatskalis) debate was adjourned.

7. PLANNING AMENDMENT BILL 2012 (Serial 6):

The Minister for Lands Planning and the Environment (Mr Mills), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Planning Act*.

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, Planning Amendment Bill 2012 (Paper 49).

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

8. THREE HUB ECONOMY – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:

The Chief Minister (Mr Mills) made a statement relating to the development of a Three Hub Economy to ensure the Territory was not dependent on individual projects to keep the economy strong.

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

Debate ensued.

Suspension of sittings: The sittings of the Assembly was suspended between 11.50am and 2pm.

9. CONDOLENCE – ARTHUR ALEXANDER ‘SAUS’ GRANT – MOTION AGREED TO:

The Chief Minister (Mr Mills), by leave, moved – That this Assembly:

- express its condolences at the passing of Arthur Alexander ‘Saus’ Grant a leading police officer, great family man and well respected Territorian; and
- offer our profound sympathy to his family and friends.

The Chief Minister (Mr Mills) thereupon addressed the motion.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

Motion agreed to.

As a mark of respect Members stood in their places for one minute, in silence.

10. STATEMENT BY TREASURER – PAWA CORPORATION BOARD:

The Treasurer (Mrs Lambley), by leave, made a statement relating to the composition of the PAWA Corporation Board and Board Chair.

11. NOTICES:

The following notices were given –

Mr Elferink: To present the Criminal Code Amendment (Violent Act Causing Death) Bill 2012 (Serial 3).

Mr Elferink: To move – That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Criminal Code Amendment (Violent Act Causing Death) Bill 2012 (Serial 3) passing through all stages in the first week of the November/December 2012 parliamentary sittings period.

Mr Giles: To present the Animal Welfare Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2012 (Serial 9).

12. THREE HUB ECONOMY – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – STATEMENT NOTED:

The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of debate, suspended earlier this day, on the question - That the Assembly take note of the Statement – Debate resumed.

Extension of time: On the motion of the Member for Fong Lim (Mr Tollner) the Member for Greatorex (Mr Conlan) was granted an extension of time, pursuant to Standing Order 77.

Debate continued.

Extension of time: On the motion of the Member for Katherine (Mr Westra van Holthe) the Member for Casuarina (Mr Vatskalis) was granted an extension of time, pursuant to Standing Order 77.

Debate continued.

Paper tabled: Mr Vatskalis, by leave, laid on the table the following Papers –

- Sharing Our Resources, Fresh NT Wild Caught Barramundi (Paper 57); and
- Open Letter to the Northern Territory Chief Minister Hon Terence Mills MLA re Commercial Barramundi Fishery (Paper 56).

Debate continued.

Extension of time: On the motion of the Member for Fannie Bay (Mr Gunner) the Member for Nelson (Mr Wood) was granted an extension of time, pursuant to Standing Order 77.

Debate continued.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Members of the presence in the Speaker's Gallery of the former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Mrs Jane Aagaard and the former Member for Johnston, Dr Burns.

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

Debate continued.

Question – put and passed.

13. AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OCTOBER 2012 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - PAPER TABLED - MOTION TO NOTE REPORT:

The Speaker laid on the Table the Auditor-General's October 2012 Report to The Legislative Assembly (Paper 65).

Mr Elferink moved – That the Report be printed.

Question – put and passed.

Mr Elferink, on behalf of and at the request of the Chief Minister (Mr Mills), moved – That the Assembly take note of the Report and leave be granted to Mr Mills continue his remarks at a later hour.

Leave granted, debate adjourned.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Debate ensued.

Papers tabled: The Member for Port Darwin (Mr Elferink), by leave, presented the following Papers:

- Palumpa Polling Booth allegations re Mr Higgins, Statutory Declaration by Mr Ken James (Paper 58);
- Palumpa Polling Booth allegations re Mr Higgins, statement by Preston Higgins, 26 October 2012 (Paper 59);
- Palumpa Polling Booth allegations re Mr Higgins, Statutory Declaration by Samuel John Higgins (Paper 60);

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- Palumpa Polling Booth allegations re Mr Higgins, Statutory Declaration by Bartley Travis Johnson (Paper 61);
- Palumpa Polling Booth allegations re Mr Higgins, Letter by Benjamin Porter-Hardy (Paper 62);
- Palumpa Polling Booth allegations re Mr Higgins, Statement of account by Preston Higgins (Paper 63).

Debate continued.

Papers tabled: The Member for Karama (Ms Lawrie), by leave, presented the following Paper -

- Palumpa Polling Booth allegations re Mr Higgins, Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Commission, 28 August 2012 (Paper 64).

Debate continued.

Question - put and passed.

And the Assembly adjourned at 5.25pm, until Wednesday, 31 October 2012 at 10am.

PAPERS:

The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on 30 October 2012 –

Annual Reports

Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory, 2011/2012 (Paper 66)

Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services, 2011/2012 (Paper 51)

Ombudsman for the Northern Territory (Thirty Fourth), 2011/2012 (Paper 50)

Auditors Report

Independent Auditor's Report to the Minister for Transport – Darwin Port Corporation for year ended 30 June 2012 (Paper 54)

Independent Auditor's Report to the Minister for Transport– Darwin Bus Service for year ended 30 June 2012 (Paper 55)

Liquor Act

Annual Reporting Requirements, Banning notices and exclusions orders in designated areas pursuant to section 120Z (Paper 53)

Surveillance Devices Act

Annual Reporting Requirements 2011-2012, pursuant to section 59(4) (Paper 52)

ATTENDANCE:

All Members attended the sittings.