

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 99

Thursday 17 September 2015

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**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 Moulden Park Primary School.

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

**4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT**

The Speaker made a statement regarding Member's conduct in the Chamber, visitors on the floor of the Chamber and visitors in the Public Galleries.

**5. PERSONAL EXPLANATION – MEMBER FOR PORT DARWIN**

Pursuant to Standing Order 57, having obtained leave from the Chair, Mr Elferink (Member for Port Darwin) explained matters of a personal nature.

**6. BAIL AMENDMENT BILL (NO.2) 2015 (SERIAL 135)**

Mr Elferink (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Bail 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 1479).

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

**7. TRAFFIC ACT AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 138)**

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

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 1480).

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

**8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - NT ASIAN ENGAGEMENT, TRADE AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2015 - 2020 – STATEMENT NOTED**

Resumption of debate on the question - That the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Debate resumed.

**Visitors:** The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of a former Deputy Chief Minister and Member of the Legislative Assembly Marion Scrymgour.

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

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**Extension of Time:** On the motion of Mr Elferink (Member for Port Darwin), Mr Styles (Member for Sanderson) was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question – put and passed.

**9. MONITORING OF PLACES OF DETENTION (OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE) (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) BILL 2013 (SERIAL 36) – BILL DEFEATED**

Resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Mr Westra van Holthe (Deputy Chief Minister) moved the following amendment – That the word 'now' be omitted and 'this day in 6 months' be inserted in its place.

Debate ensued.

Question – That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question - put and not agreed to.

Pursuant to Standing Order 180, the Bill was disposed of.

**10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – NT FISHERIES INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY MARINE RANGER PROGRAM – MOTION TO NOTE**

Mr Westra van Holthe (Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries) made a statement regarding the Northern Territory Fisheries Indigenous Community Marine Ranger Program.

Mr Westra van Holthe moved – That the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

Debate suspended.

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

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**11. VISITORS**

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of students from Maningrida School.

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

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**Suspension of Standing Orders**

Ms Walker (Member for Nhulunbuy) moved — That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent this house from censuring the Government.

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) informed the Assembly that the Government would accept the censure motion, pursuant to Standing Order 95.

**12. CENSURE OF THE GOVERNMENT – MOTION NOT AGREED TO**

Ms Walker (Member for Nhulunbuy) moved – That this House censures:

- The government for its appalling and aggressive behaviour towards Parliamentarians and this Assembly and
- The Chief Minister for losing control of the behaviour of his Members of Parliament

Further that this House from now on adopts the principles of the White Ribbon workplace and we commence the accreditation process immediately.

Debate ensued.

Question – put

The Assembly divided:

<b>Ayes - 12</b>	<b>Noes - 12</b>
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
Ms Purick	Mr Styles
Mr Vowles	Mr Tollner
Ms Walker	Mr Westra van Holthe

Motion not agreed to.

**13. QUESTIONS**

- 3.59 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister  
4.00 Mr Barrett to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services  
4.03 Ms Walker to Attorney-General and Minister for Justice  
4.06 Mr Barrett to Chief Minister  
4.09 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister (supplementary question)  
4.15 Mrs Finocchiaro to Chief Minister  
4.19 Ms Walker to Attorney-General and Minister for Justice  
4.21 Mr Barrett to Minister for Sport and Recreation  
4.25 Mrs Lambley to Minister for Sport and Recreation  
4.27 Ms Fyles to Chief Minister  
4.30 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Land Resource Management  
4.33 Ms Walker to Minister for Public Employment  
4.37 Mr Barrett to Minister for Education  
4.40 Mr Wood to Minister for Transport  
4.44 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Arts and Museums  
4.48 Mr McCarthy to Minister for the Environment

**Paper Tabled:** Mr McCarthy (Member for Barkly), by leave, laid upon the Table – Email, from Anna Boustead, Acting Director, ECNT, re Regarding comments made in Parliament yesterday, to Mr Minister Tollner, dated 16 September at 5.57pm (Paper 1488).

- 4.52 Mr Wood to Minister for Mines and Energy  
4.56 Mrs Finocchiaro to Chief Minister

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

**14. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – NT FISHERIES INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY MARINE RANGER PROGRAM – STATEMENT NOTED**

Resumption of debate on the question – That the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

**15. PAPERS**

Mrs Price (Minister for Parks and Wildlife) made a statement and tabled the following Papers –

1. Joint Management Plan, Yeperenye / Emily and Jessie Gaps Nature Park, July 2015 (Paper 1490).
2. Joint Management Plan, Napwerte / Ewaninga Rock Carvings Conservation Reserve, July 2015 (Paper 1491).
3. Joint Management Plan, Iytwelepenty / Davenport Ranges National Park, July 2015 (Paper 1492).

Mr Higgins (Minister for the Environment) made a statement and tabled the following Paper –

1. Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority, Waste Management Strategy for the Northern Territory 2015-2022, July 2015 (Paper 1493).

The Deputy Speaker tabled the following Paper –

1. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Nhulunbuy, Ms Lynne Walker, to travel to Darwin to Katherine, Darwin to Melbourne to attend meetings between 15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015, pursuant to clause 4.12, dated 17 September 2015 (Paper 1487).

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The Assembly adjourned at 6.26pm until Tuesday 17 November 2015 at 10.00am.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been Tabled on 17 September 2015 -

**Annual Reports 2014/2015:**

Department of Correctional Services, 2014/2015, (Paper 1481)  
Parole Board of the Northern Territory, 2014/2015 (Paper 1482)  
Charles Darwin University, 2014 (Paper 1483)  
Department of the Legislative Assembly, 2014/2015 (Paper 1489)

**Financial Statements:**

Charles Darwin University, 2014 - Financial Statements (Paper 1484)

**OmbudsmanNT:**

Report to: The Honourable John Elferink MLA Attorney-General and Minister for Justice,  
Compliance by Northern Territory Police Force with Surveillance Devices Act - Second  
Report 2015 (Paper 1485)

**Report:**

Office of the Children's Commissioner Northern Territory, Own Initiative Investigation Report  
Services provided by the Department of Correctional Services at the Don Dale Youth  
Detention Centre, August 2015 (Paper 1486)

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended the sittings.

MICHAEL TATHAM  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly