

# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## No. 6

Thursday 1 November 2012

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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 Members of the presence in the public galleries of Larrakeyah Primary School Year 5/6 students accompanied by Mrs Tanya Harvey and Mrs Adelle Gould.

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

4. **QUESTIONS:**

10.01am Ms Lawrie to Mr Mills.

10.04am Mrs Price to Mr Mills

**Paper tabled:** The Chief Minister (Mr Mills) laid on the Table the following Paper -

- Renewal Management Board Progress Report, dated 29 October 2012 (Paper 105).

10.07am Ms Lawrie to Mr Mills.

10.08am Ms Finocchiaro to Mrs Lambley.

10.11am Ms Lawrie to Mr Mills.

10.15am Mr Vowles to Mr Mills.

10.17am Mr Wood to Mr Mills.

10.21am Ms Lee to Mrs Lambley.

10.24am Ms Walker to Mr Mills.

10.28am Mr Kurrupuwu to Mrs Lambley.

10.31am Ms Lawrie to Mr Mills and referred to Mr Elferink.

10.35am Mr Higgins to Mrs Lambley.

10.39am Mr Wood to Ms Anderson.

10.41am Ms Fyles to Mr Mills.

10.42am Mr Styles to Mrs Lambley.

10.45am Ms Fyles to Mr Mills and referred to Mrs Lambley.

10.48am Mr Styles to Mr Elferink.

10.51am Ms Walker to Mr Mills.

10.53am Mrs Price to Ms Anderson.

10.56am Mr Wood to Ms Anderson.

10.58am Mr Vowles to Mr Mills.

10.59am 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 Chief Minister (Mr Mills) provided information to a question asked yesterday by the Leader of the Opposition relating to salaries of Renewal Board Members.

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

- Renewal Management Board membership and salaries payable to respective Board members (Paper 106).

5. **CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES AMENDMENT BILL 2012 (Serial 2):**

The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mr Elferink), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Classification of Publications, Films and Computer Games 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 on the Table the following Paper –

- Explanatory Statement, Classification of Publications, Films and Computer Games Amendment Bill 2012 (Paper 107).

On the motion of the Member for Nhulunbuy (Ms Walker) debate was adjourned.

**6. CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLICATIONS, FILMS AND COMPUTER GAMES AMENDMENT BILL 2012 (Serial 2) – SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS – PASS BILL THROUGH ALL STAGES:**

The Leader of Government Business (Mr Elferink) moved - That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Classification of Publications, Films and Computer Games Amendment Bill 2012 (Serial 2) passing through all stages in the first week of the November/December 2012 parliamentary sittings.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

**7. EVIDENCE (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2012 (Serial 1):**

The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question – That the Bill be now read a second time –

Debate resumed.

Question – put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for a motion for the third reading of the Bill to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mr Elferink) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

**8. OMBUDSMAN APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATION – MOTION AGREED TO:**

The Leader of Government Business (Mr Elferink), pursuant to notice, moved - That this Assembly, pursuant to section 132 of the Ombudsman (Northern Territory) Act, recommend to Her Honour the Administrator that she appoint Mr Peter Shoyer to hold the Office of the Ombudsman for the Northern Territory.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

**9. TOURISM NT BILL 2012 (Serial 8):**

The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of debate on the question – That the Bill be now read a second time –

Debate resumed.

Debate suspended.

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**Suspension of sittings:** The sittings of the Assembly was suspended between 12 Noon and 2pm.

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**10. REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL REPORT ON THE ENTITLEMENTS OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION NO. 1 OF 2012 – PAPER TABLED – MOTION TO NOTE REPORT:**

The Chief Minister (Mr Mills) laid on the Table the following Paper –

- Remuneration Tribunal Report on the Entitlements of Assembly Members and Determination No. 1 of 2012 (Paper 118).

Mr Mills moved – That the Report be Printed.

Question – put and passed.

Mr Mills moved – That the Assembly take note of the Report and that leave be granted to continue his remarks at a later hour.

Leave granted, debate adjourned.

**11. OMBUDSMAN NT REPORT INTO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SUBDIVISION AT BEDDINGTON ROAD AND PELLY ROAD HERBERT – PAPER TABLED - MOTION TO NOTE:**

The Chief Minister (Mr Mills) laid on the Table the following Paper –

- Report of an investigation into: THE APPROVAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION OF LAND FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES AT BEDDINGTON ROAD AND PELLY ROAD HERBERT, OmbudsmanNT Report, dated 20 August 2012 (Paper 119).

Mr Mills moved – That the Report be Printed.

Question – put and passed.

Mr Mills moved – That the Assembly take note of the Report and that leave be granted to continue his remarks at a later hour.

Leave granted, debate adjourned.

**12. TOURISM NT BILL 2012 (Serial 8):**

The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of debate, suspended earlier this day, on the question – That the Bill be now read a second time – 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.

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**In Committee**

**(The Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees (Mr Higgins) in the Chair)**

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

Debate ensued.

Mr Vowles moved – That the following amendment be agreed to -

**After clause 28(1)**

*insert*

- (1A) The report must include details of any directions given by the Minister under section 9 during the financial year.

Debate ensued.

Amendment negatived.

Debate resumed on the Bill as a whole.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

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The Assembly resumed; the Speaker took the Chair; and the Deputy Speaker and Chair of Committees (Mr Higgins) reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment.

Question – That the Report be adopted – put.

Question - put.

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

AYES, 16

NOES, 8

Ms Anderson  
Mr Chandler  
Mr Conlan

Ms Fyles  
Mr Gunner  
Mr Henderson

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Mr Elferink  
Ms Finocchiaro  
Mr Giles  
Mr Higgins  
Mr Kurrupuwu  
Mrs Lambley  
Ms Lee  
Mr Mills  
Mrs Price  
Ms Purick  
Mr Styles  
Mr Tollner  
Mr Westra van Holthe

Ms Lawrie  
Mr McCarthy  
Mr Vatskalis  
Mr Vowles  
Ms Walker

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Report adopted.

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

**13. ARAFURA GAMES 2013, DEFERRAL – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:**

The Minister for Tourism and Major Events (Mr Conlan) made a statement relating to the deferred conduct of the Arafura Games 2013 and review of its construct.

Debate ensued.

**Quorum:** The Member for Casuarina (Mr Vatskalis) drew attention to the state of the House.

Bells having been rung and a Quorum having been obtained –

Debate continued.

Question – put and passed.

**14. STATUS OF ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:**

The Minister for Indigenous Advancement (Ms Anderson) made a statement relating to the state of Aboriginal Communities in Regional areas of the Northern Territory.

Ms Anderson moved – That the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

On the motion of the Member for Namatjira (Ms Anderson) debate was adjourned.

**15. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Debate ensued.

**Paper tabled:** Ms Purick, by leave, laid on the Table the following Paper –

- Northern Territory CSIRO Education Annual Report 2011 – Extract of Highlights for 2011 (Paper 137).

Debate continued.

Question - put and passed.

And the Assembly adjourned at 8.20pm, until Tuesday 27 November 2012 at 10am.

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**PAPERS:**

The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 November 2012 –

**Annual Reports**

Alcohol and Drugs Tribunal, 2011/2012 (Paper 116)

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Community Benefit Fund, 2011/2012 (Paper 122)  
Community Justice Centre, 2011/2012 (Paper 115)  
Department of Business and Employment, 2011/2012 (Paper 121)  
Department of Children and Families, Youth Justice Advisory Committee, 2011/2012  
(Paper 109)  
Department of Construction and Infrastructure, 2011/2012 (Paper 136)  
Department of Health, 2011/2012 (Paper 127)  
Department of Justice, 2011/2012 (Paper 111)  
Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment, Environment Protection  
Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags, 2011/2012 (Paper 134)  
Department of Resources, 2011/2012 (Paper 132)  
Department of the Chief Minister, 2011/2012 (Paper 108)  
Director of Public Prosecutions, Northern Territory of Australia, 2011/2012  
(Paper 110)  
Electrical Safety Regulator, 2011/2012 (Paper 125)  
Environment Protection Authority, 2011/2012 (Paper 135)  
Gove District Hospital Board, 2011/2012 (Paper 129)  
Health and Community Services Complaints Commission, 2011/2012 (Paper 130)  
Katherine Hospital Board, 2011/2012 (Paper 128)  
Lands, Planning & Mining Tribunal Northern Territory, 2011/2012 (Paper 114)  
Mental Health Review Tribunal Northern Territory, 2011/2012 (Paper 113)  
Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Commission, 2011/2012 (Paper 120)  
NT Build, 2011/2012 (Paper 133)  
NT Community Visitor Program, 2011/2012 (Paper 131)  
Parole Board of the Northern Territory, 2011/2012 (Paper 117)  
Professional Standards Council, 2011/2012 (Paper 112)  
Tarcoola-Darwin Rail Regulation, dated September 2012, 2011/2012 (Paper 126)  
Work Health and Safety Advisory Council, 2011/2012 (Paper 124)  
Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Advisory Council, 2011/2012 (Paper 123)

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### **ATTENDANCE:**

All Members attended the sittings.

Ian McNeill  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly