
NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 115

Tuesday 24 May 2016

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 Hon Roger Steele, former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of a class of Year 5/6 students from Bees Creek Primary School, accompanied by their teachers Gayle Purdue, Linda Brodie and Miss Sarah.

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

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – AGREED TO

Mrs Lambley (Member for Araluen) moved, by leave – That a leave of absence for this week be granted to Ms Anderson (Member for Namatjira) on account of bereavement.

Motion agreed to.

5. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding filming by the media of the Treasurer's delivery of the Budget speech.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of receipt of the following Message from His Honour the Administrator (Paper 1762):

Message No. 33 - Assent to Proposed Laws

I, JOHN HARDY OAM, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, advise the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to section 7 of the Northern Territory (Self-Government Act) 1978 of the Commonwealth, the assent to the following proposed laws:

29 April 2016

Personal Violence Restraining Orders Act 2016 (**Act No. 10 of 2016**)

10 May 2016

Appropriation Acts Repeal Act 2016 (**Act No. 11 of 2016**)

Red Tape Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2016 (**Act No. 12 of 2016**)

Dated 17 May 2016

7. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of receipt of the following Message from His Honour the Administrator (Paper 1763):

Message No. 34

I, John Laurence Hardy, recommend to the Legislative Assembly a bill for an act that authorises an amount to be paid from the Central Holding Authority for the purposes of the agencies specified in the bill for the year ending 30 June 2017.

Dated 18 May 2016

8. REORDER OF BUSINESS – MOTION AGREED TO

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) pursuant to Standing Order 59, moved – That the Routine of Business be reordered as follows:

That the Routine of Business this day proceed with the Treasurer's presentation of the Appropriation Bill in accordance with the provisions of Standing Orders 170 and 171 followed by a suspension of the Assembly at 11am or at the conclusion of his speech.

Resumption at 2pm commencing with Notices, Petitions, Responses to Petitions, Questions and the normal routine of business outlined in Standing Order 60 to allow for the Government Members to speak on the Appropriation Bill and other bills during Government Business.

I further move that tomorrow, the 25th of May, the Leader of the Opposition's Budget reply commence immediately at 10 am followed by Government Business, Notices and the normal Routine of Business after that.

Tomorrow, Government Business, Notices and Orders of the Day, be suspended so as to permit a response to Budget by the Leader of the Opposition at 10 am.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

9. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of a class of Year 5/6 students from Bees Creek Primary School, accompanied by their teachers Dixie Blake, Rebecca McSkimming and Mrs Stanwix.

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

10. APPROPRIATION (2016-2017) BILL 2016 (SERIAL 170)

Mr Tollner (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to authorise an amount to be paid from the Central Holding Authority for the financial year ending 30 June 2017.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate ensued.

Debate suspended.

11. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – MOTION AGREED TO

The Deputy Speaker (Mr Conlan) advised the Assembly of receipt a letter from Mrs Lia Finocchiaro (Government Whip) regarding Public Accounts Committee membership appointing Mr Willem Westra van Holthe (Member for Katherine) and Mr Matt Conlan (Member for Greatorex).

Motion agreed to.

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Suspension of sittings: The sitting of the Assembly was suspended between 10.38am and 2.00pm.

12. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Tollner (Treasurer) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Stamp Duty Amendment (First Home Owner Discount) Bill 2016 (Serial 174).
2. Mr Tollner (Minister for Lands and Planning) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Planning Amendment Bill 2016 (Serial 178).
3. Mr Giles (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Police Administration Amendment Bill (Serial 177).
4. Mr Giles (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Firearms and Weapons Control Legislation Amendment Bill 2016 (Serial 171).
5. Mr Giles (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Terrorism (Emergency Powers) Amendment Bill 2016 (Serial 175).
6. Mr Styles (Minister for Employment and Training) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Training and Skills Development Bill 2016 (Serial 172).
7. Mr Elferink (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Bail Amendment Bill 2016 (Serial 173).
8. Mr Elferink (Minister for Correctional Services) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Parole Amendment Bill 2016 (Serial 176).
9. Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) will move on the next sitting day – That notwithstanding the requirements of Standing Order 147, all government bills for which notice was given today may progress to the question of second reading on the sitting day scheduled for 23 June 2016.

13. PETITIONS

Ms Walker (Member for Nhulunbuy), presented Petition No. 60 from 1356 petitioners, conforming with Standing Orders praying that a hospice be built for the people of Central Australia. (Paper 1772).

Petition read.

14. QUESTIONS

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| 2.03 | Mr Gunner to Minister for Education |
| 2.07 | Mrs Finocchiaro to Chief Minister |
| 2.10 | Mr Gunner to Minister for Education |
| 2.14 | Mr Gunner to Minister for Education – supplementary |
| 2.15 | Mr Kurrupuwu to Treasurer |
| 2.19 | Mr Gunner to Treasurer |
| 2.22 | Mr Westra van Holthe to Treasurer |
| 2.26 | Mrs Lambley to Chief Minister |
| 2.27 | Mr Conlan to Minister for Business |
| 2.31 | Mr Gunner to Treasurer |
| 2.34 | Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Health |

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- 2.37 Mr Wood to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- 2.41 Mr Conlan to Minister for Health
- 2.44 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister
- 2.48 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Infrastructure
- 2.52 Mr Gunner to Minister for Housing – referred to Chief Minister
- 2.56 Mr Westra van Holthe to Minister for Children and Families
- 2.59 Ms Walker to Minister for Health
- 3.04 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Business

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

15. **APPROPRIATION (2016-2017) BILL 2016 (SERIAL 170)**

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

Debate resumed.

Paper Tabled: Mr Styles (Deputy Chief Minister) laid upon the Table – Review of Retirement Accommodation in the Northern Territory (Paper 1789). .

Debate continued

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mrs Price (Member for Stuart), Mr Chandler (Member for Brennan) was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned.

16. **MENZIES SCHOOL OF HEALTH RESEARCH AMENDMENT BILL 2016 (SERIAL 163) - BILL AGREED TO**

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.

On the motion of Mr Elferink (Minister for Health), by leave, the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

17. **GUARDIANSHIP OF ADULTS BILL 2016 (SERIAL 160) AND ADVANCE PERSONAL PLANNING AMENDMENT BILL 2016 (SERIAL 161) - BILL AGREED TO**

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.

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

18. **PAPERS**

The Speaker tabled the following Papers –

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1. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Katherine, Mr Willem Westra van Holthe to attend the Company Directors Course, Melbourne, between 22 - 26 February 2016, pursuant to clause 6.11, dated 21 April 2016 (Paper 1790).
 2. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Arafura, Mr Francis Kurrupuwu, to attend the Memorandum of Understanding between the Charles Darwin University and Aboriginal Communities of the NT, on 2 March 2016, pursuant to clause 6.11, dated 1 May 2016 (Paper 1791).
 3. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Arafura, Mr Francis Kurrupuwu, to travel to Darwin to meet Minister for Infrastructure and Mayor of the West Arnhem Regional Council, on 21 February 2016, pursuant to clause 6.11, dated 1 May 2016 (Paper 1792).
 4. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Arafura, Mr Francis Kurrupuwu, to travel to Darwin to attend Country Liberals Branch Meeting on 9 March 2016, pursuant to clause 6.11, dated 9 May 2016 (Paper (1793).
 5. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Barkly, Mr Gerry McCarthy, to travel to Alice Springs on 29 – 30 March 2016, regarding NT Fleet testing for engine fault, pursuant to clause 6.11, not dated (Paper (1794).
 6. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Barkly, Mr Gerry McCarthy, to attend meetings and meet with various community groups in Pine Creek, Kakadu National Park, Jabiru and Darwin between 12 – 14 April 2016, pursuant to clause 6.11, not dated (Paper 1795).
 7. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Wanguri, Ms Nicole Mansion, to attend the Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committee (ACPAC) meeting in Alice Springs between 28 - 29 April 2016, pursuant to clause 6.11, dated 10 May 2016 (Paper 1796).
- 19. PAPER TABLED – PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE, REPORT ON REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF HOUSING ON TOWN CAMPS – NOTE REPORT**
Mrs Lambley made a statement and laid on the Table – Public Accounts Committee, Report on Repairs and Maintenance of Housing in Town Camps, Final Report May 2016 (Paper 1797).
- Mrs Lambley moved – That the Assembly take note of the report.
- Debate adjourned.
- 20. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT – REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 188**
The Speaker made a statement regarding a grant of permission for Ms Carien McGuinn to review and extract material from evidence submitted to the Sessional Committees on the New Parliament House Site, and the New Parliament House, for research purposes, pursuant to Standing Order 188.
- 21. REPORTS**
1. Public Accounts Committee Report – Public Private Partnership Arrangements for the Darwin Correctional Precinct – **Consideration Adjourned**
 2. Public Accounts Committee Report – Inquiry into Structural Separation of the Power and Water Corporation – **Consideration Adjourned**
 3. Committee on the Northern Territory's Energy Future Report – Key Challenges and Opportunities: Issues Paper – **Consideration Adjourned**

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4. Auditor-General for the Northern Territory – Report to the Legislative Assembly, August 2015 – **Consideration Adjourned**
5. Auditor-General for the Northern Territory – Report to the Legislative Assembly, February 2016 – **Consideration Adjourned**
6. Standing Orders Committee Report – Matters of Question Time Reform, Infant Care and Right of Reply, March 2016 – **Consideration Adjourned**
7. Members' Interests Committee Report – Proposal to Table Members' Interests Returns and Upload the Tabled Documents on the Assembly Website Each Year – **Consideration Adjourned**

22. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Styles (Deputy Chief Minister) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 8.48pm until Wednesday 25 May 2016 at 10.00am.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been tabled on 24 May 2016 -

Professional Standards Act

Notification of Scheme, Law Institute of Victoria Limited, pursuant to section 13(1), dated 12 April 2016 (Paper 1773)

Notification of Scheme – The Australian Property Institute Valuers Limited, pursuant to section 13(1), dated 13 April 2016 (Paper 1774)

Subordinate Legislation 2016

No. 12 of 2016, Medical Services (Royal Darwin Hospital Parking) Regulations (Paper 1775)

No. 13 of 2016, Building Legislation (Occupancy Certification) Amendment Regulations 2016 (Paper 1776)

No. 14 of 2016, Justices Amendment Regulations 2016 (Paper 1777)

No. 15 of 2016, Local Court (Criminal Procedure) Regulations (Paper 1778)

No. 16 of 2016, Local Court Regulations (Paper 1779)

No. 17 of 2016, National Electricity (Northern Territory) (National Uniform Legislation) (Modification) Regulations (Paper 1780)

No. 18 of 2016, Local Court (Criminal Jurisdiction) Amendment Rules 2016 (Paper 1781)

No. 19 of 2016, Local Court Amendment Rules 2016 (Paper 1782)

No. 20 of 2016, Local Court (Adoption of Children) Amendment Rules 2016 (Paper 1783)

No. 21 of 2016, Local Court (General) Rules (Paper 1784)

No. 22 of 2016, Fisheries Amendment (Tiwi Islands Restriction Zones) Regulations 2016 (Paper 1785)

No. 23 of 2016, Misuse of Drugs (Act Amendment) Regulations 2016 (Paper 1786)

No. 24 of 2016, Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Regulations 2016 (Paper 1787)

No. 25 of 2016, Fines and Penalties (Recovery) Amendment Regulations 2016 (Paper 1788)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the sittings, except Ms Anderson on leave.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly