
NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 63

Tuesday 19 August 2014

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 Kay Tollner, year 11 and 12 Legal Studies classes from O'Loughlin Catholic College accompanied by Ms Louise Delhunty and senior students from Casuarina Senior College accompanied by Ms Paula Simeone.

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

4. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of receipt of the following Message from Her Honour the Administrator (Paper 954):

Message Number 18 - Assent to Proposed Laws

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

26 June 2014

Appropriation (2014-2015) Act 2014 (**Act No 23 of 2014**)

Treasury Legislation Amendment Act 2014 (**Act No 24 of 2014**)

4 July 2014

Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Amendment Act 2014 (**Act No 25 of 2014**)

Dated 8 July 2014

5. MEMBERSHIP OF THE PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE – MOTION AGREED TO

Ms Lawrie (Leader of the Opposition) moved - That the following changes be made to the membership of the Privileges Committee: discharge Ms Lawrie (Member for Karama) and Mr Kon Vatskalis (Member for Casuarina) and appoint Ms Fyles (Members for Nightcliff) and Ms Walker (Member for Nhulunbuy).

Question – put and passed.

6. QUESTIONS

10.02 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister

10.08 Mrs Finocchiaro to Chief Minister

10.12 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister

10.17 Mr Barrett to Treasurer

- 10.21 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister
- 10.27 Mr Higgins to Chief Minister
- 10.30 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Infrastructure
- 10.34 Mrs Finocchiaro to Chief Minister
- 10.37 Mr McCarthy to Chief Minister
- 10.39 Mr Barrett to Chief Minister
- 10.42 Mr Wood to Minister for Transport
- 10.47 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Correctional Services
- 10.50 Ms Walker to Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
- 10.54 Mr Higgins to Minister for Health

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

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – UPDATE ON MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS, SENIOR TERRITORIANS AND YOUNG TERRITORIANS – MOTION TO NOTE

Mr Styles (Minister for Multicultural Affairs) made a statement regarding updating the Legislative Assembly on the progress and aspirations in the areas of community engagement in multicultural, senior and youth affairs.

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

Debate ensued.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of sittings: The sitting of the Assembly was suspended between 12 noon and 4.30pm.

8. CONDOLENCE MOTION – DEATH OF TERRITORIANS ON MALAYSIA AIRLINES FLIGHT 17 - MOTION AGREED TO

The Speaker informed the Assembly of the death on 17 July 2014 of Mr Wayne and Mrs Theresa Baker and Ms Emma Bell with 295 other passengers and crew.

The Speaker advised Members of the presence in the Speaker's Gallery of family, friends and distinguished visitors.

Mr Giles (Chief Minister) by leave, moved - That this Assembly express its condolences at the passing of Mr Wayne and Mrs Theresa Baker and Ms Emma Bell, and extend deepest sympathy to their family and friends.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

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

9. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Ms Lawrie (Member for Karama) will move on the next General Business day -

That this Legislative Assembly condemns the Chief Minister and the Government for the 125 teacher cuts in the Department of Education, the \$11 million cut to the health budget, failing to keep their promise of 120 new police and the failure to reach a satisfactory EBA outcome with paramedics, prison officers, firefighters and teachers; and

That the Legislative Assembly asserts that front line services must not be sacrificed while the Department of Chief Minister gets \$33 million increase simply to provide the Chief Minister with advice.

2. Mr Tollner (Treasurer) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Superannuation Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2014 (Serial 89).
3. Mr Wood (Member for Nelson) will move on the next General Business day -

That the Government reaffirms its support for the development of the Litchfield area as a predominately rural community i.e. villages or district centres interspersed with rural blocks (not less than 1 ha) as highlighted in the Litchfield Land Use Objectives;

That the minimum lot size for Rural Residential remains as 1 hectare and not 0.4 hectare as being promoted by developers and the Planning Commission and that blocks smaller than 1 ha be located within villages or district centres;

That the Government does not go ahead with its plans to develop Holtze Howard Springs into the suburb of Palmerston North (9500 blocks) but rather develops the area as rural with the smallest rural lot size being 1 hectare except within a village or district centre.

That the Government supports the development of the Howard Springs Forestry Land into a rural subdivision not an activity centre as shown on the Planning Commission's Draft Plans;

That ribbon development included in proposed Activity Centres along the Stuart and Arnhem Highways Highway as shown in the Planning Commission Draft Plan be replaced with predominately rural residential or rural living development with commercial and industrial land centralised in District Centres;

That the notion of peri urban and urban development in the Lloyd Creek, Noonamah and Hughes localities is scrapped and the area developed in keeping with the concept of small villages (not cities such as proposed for Hughes) interspersed with rural lot sizes above 1 hectare as in the Litchfield Land Use Objectives. Lloyd Creek, Noonamah and Hughes should not be used to avoid the Government's responsibility to build Weddell; and

That the government keep their promise that they announced before the last election, to develop Weddell as the next major urban centre for the Darwin Region without an Elizabeth River Dam or lake.

10. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 100A, laid upon the Table responses to Petition Number 35 and Petition Number 37 (Paper 962).

11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – UPDATE ON MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS, SENIOR TERRITORIANS AND YOUNG TERRITORIANS – MOTION TO NOTE

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

Debate ensued.

Visitors: The Deputy Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Sri Lankan dancers from the Multicultural Dance Academy.

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

Debate resumed.

Question – put and passed.

12. PAPERS

The Speaker tabled the following Papers –

1. Remuneration Tribunal Report, Travel Report, Member for Namatjira, Ms Alison Anderson, travel to Darwin to attend refresher training sessions conducted by the Office of the Clerk between 29th April – 1st May 2014, pursuant to clause 4.12, dated 16 July 2014 (Paper 963).
2. Remuneration Tribunal Report, Travel Report, Member for Arnhem, Ms Larisa Lee, to attend meeting with Larrakia Nation & NAAJA, Darwin on 20th September 2014, pursuant to clause 4.12, not dated (Paper 964).
3. Remuneration Tribunal Report, Travel Report, Member for Arnhem, Ms Larisa Lee, to attend NTFL Grand-final 2014 between 14th - 16th March 2014, pursuant to clause 4.12, not dated (Paper 965).
4. Remuneration Tribunal Report, Travel Report, Member for Arnhem, Ms Larisa Lee, travel to Darwin to attend meeting with Larrakia Nation & NAAJA, Darwin on 16th-17th April 2014, pursuant to clause 4.12, not dated (Paper 966).
5. Remuneration Tribunal Report, Travel Report, Member for Arnhem, Ms Larisa Lee, travel to Darwin to attend refresher training sessions conducted by the Office of the Clerk between 29th April – 1st May 2014, also attend meeting with NLC & NAAJA, pursuant to clause 4.12, not dated (Paper 967).
6. Remuneration Tribunal Report, Travel Report, Member for Arafura, Mr Francis Kurrupuwu, to attend meetings with Indigenous Community Organisations between 15th – 18th April 2014, pursuant to clause 4.12, dated 31 July 2014 (Paper 968).
7. Remuneration Tribunal Report, Travel Report, Member for Arafura, Mr Francis Kurrupuwu to attend refresher training sessions conducted by the Office of the Clerk between 28th April – 1st May 2014, pursuant to clause 4.12, dated 31 July 2014 (Paper 969).
8. Remuneration Tribunal Report, Travel Report, Member for Daly, Mr Gary Higgins, to attend NT Sports Awards, Katherine, 29th March 2014, pursuant to clause 4.12, dated 8 August 2014 (Paper 970).
9. Auditor-General for the Northern Territory, Report to the Legislative Assembly, August 2014 (Paper 971).

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the report be printed.

Question – put and passed.

Mr Elferink moved – That the Assembly takes note of the report and sought leave to continue his remarks at a later time.

Leave granted.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

And the Assembly adjourned at 6.29pm until Wednesday 20 August 2014 at 10.00am.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been Tabled on 19 August 2014 -

Annual Reports 2012/2013

Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education, 2013 Volume 1 (Paper 955)

Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education, 2013 Volume 2 (Paper 956)

Cobourg Peninsula Sanctuary and Marine Park Board, 2012/2013 (Paper 957)

Local Government Act

Local Government Act, Amendment of Guidelines, pursuant to section 258(1), dated 26 June 2014 (Paper 958)

Local Government Act, Restructuring Order, pursuant to section 10C, dated 26 June 2014 (Paper 959)

Subordinate Legislation 2014

No. 260 of 2014, (NSW) Education and Care Services National Amendment Regulations 2014 (Paper 960)

No. 79 of 2014, (South Australia) Rail Safety National Law National Regulations (Fees) Variation Regulations 2014 (Paper 961)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the sittings.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly