

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 72

Tuesday 28 October 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:

1. two year 6 classes from Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, and
2. students from Dripstone Middle School Henbury Outreach Centre.

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

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding the conduct of Members in the Chamber and the application of Standing Orders relating to the use of language and conduct of debates.

5. QUESTIONS

- 10.06 Ms Moss to Chief Minister
10.08 Mrs Finocchiaro to Chief Minister
10.12 Ms Lawrie to Minister for Transport

Paper Tabled: Ms Lawrie (Member for Karama), by leave, laid upon the Table – Media Release, Government Supports Business in Territory, Minister for Transport, dated 6 December 2013 (Paper 1070).

- 10.16 Mr Barrett to Chief Minister
10.20 Mr McCarthy to Minister for Transport
10.23 Mr Higgins to Chief Minister
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Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 9 students from Nightcliff Middle School.

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

- 10.27 Mr McCarthy to Chief Minister
10.31 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries
10.35 Mr Wood to Minister for Local Government and Regions
10.39 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment
10.42 Mr Vowles to Chief Minister
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Withdrawal from Chamber: The Speaker ordered Ms Fyles (Member for Nightcliff) to withdraw from the Assembly for one hour pursuant to Standing Order 240A.

- 10.48 Mr Higgins to Minister for Infrastructure
10.51 Ms Anderson to Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries
10.55 Mr Barrett to Chief Minister
10.58 Mr Vowles to Chief Minister
11.03 Mrs Finocchiaro to Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

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

- 6. STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 2014 (SERIAL 95) – 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), by leave, the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

- 7. REORDER OF BUSINESS – MOTION AGREED TO**

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) moved – pursuant to Standing Order 89 the re-ordering of the Routine of Business so that at the conclusion of consideration of Government Business Orders of the Day Number One, the Assembly immediately considers Ministerial Statements and at the conclusion of Ministerial Statements the Assembly resumes consideration of Government Business.

Question – put and passed

- 8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – OCTOBER BUSINESS MONTH 20TH ANNIVERSARY – MOTION TO NOTE**

Mr Giles (Chief Minister) made a statement regarding October Business Month in 2014.

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

Debate ensued.

Quorum: Ms Lawrie (Member for Karama) drew the attention of the Speaker to the state of the Assembly.

A quorum having been obtained, debate continued.

Debate suspended.

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

- 9. NOTICES**

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Elferink (Attorney-General) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled Information Amendment Bill 2014 (Serial 101).
2. Ms Fyles (Member for Nightcliff) will move on the next General Business day - that this Legislative Assembly condemns the CLP Government for failing to properly fund and resource Territory schools by:
 - Slashing \$125 million from the education budgets;
 - Forcing global school budgets onto schools which is cost shifting resource burdens onto our schools; and

The Legislative Assembly calls on the government to reinstate teachers, teacher assistants and properly resource our Territory schools.

3. Mr Wood (Member for Nelson) will move on the next General Business day – That the RL1 and RL2 zones under the NT Planning Scheme be added to Schedule 2 of the *Planning Act Regulations* thereby allowing residents living in these areas the right to appeal against planning applications.

10. TABLING STATEMENT – TREASURER'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2013/2014

Mr Giles (Chief Minister) made a statement and laid on the Table – Treasurer's Annual Financial Report, 2013/2014 (Paper 1073).

Mr Giles moved – That the Assembly take note of the report.

On the motion of Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) debate was adjourned.

11. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding the Department of the Legislative Assembly's annual survey of Members' satisfaction with services.

12. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – OCTOBER BUSINESS MONTH 20TH ANNIVERSARY – STATEMENT NOTED

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

Debate resumed.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr McCarthy (Member for Barkly), Ms Lawrie (Member for Karama) was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question – put and passed.

13. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – INDIGENOUS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – STATEMENT NOTED

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

Debate resumed.

Question – put and passed.

14. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – DEVELOPING NORTHERN AUSTRALIA – STATEMENT NOTED

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

Debate resumed.

Question – put and passed.

15. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – NORTHERN TERRITORY DISABILITY SERVICES – STATEMENT NOTED

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

Debate resumed.

Question – put and passed.

16. TABLED PAPER - REVOCATION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION GUIDELINES – PAPER NOTED

Resumption of tabling statement.

Mr Gunner (Member for Fannie Bay) moved – That the Assembly take note of the paper.

Question – put and passed.

17. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – RECOVERY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY LIVE EXPORT MARKET (BEEF AND BUFFALO) – STATEMENT NOTED

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

Debate resumed.

Question – put and passed.

18. ADJOURNMENT

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

The Assembly adjourned at 6.03 pm until Wednesday 29 October 2014 at 10.00 am.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been Tabled on 28 October 2014 -

Annual Reports 2013/2014:

Department of Land Resource Management, 2013/2014 (Paper 1071)

Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory, 2013/2014 (Paper 1072)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the sittings.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly