
NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

of the

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 87

Tuesday 28 April 2015

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 St Francis of Assisi Catholic 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 permission for filming, with sound, and photography in the Chamber by Channel 9, the *NT News*, ABC and the Chief Minister's Photographer.

5. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of receipt of the following Message from His Honour the Administrator (Paper 1287):

Message No. 25

Assent to Proposed Laws

I, JOHN HARDY OAM, 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:

25 March 2015

Bail Amendment Act 2015 (**Act No 2 of 2015**)

Care and Protection of Children Amendment Act 2015 (**Act No 3 of 2015**)

Criminal Code Amendment (Remission for Resentencing) Act 2015 (**Act No 5 of 2015**)

Information Amendment Act 2015 (**Act No 1 of 2015**)

Police (Special Investigative and Other Powers) Act 2015 (**Act No 4 of 2015**)

10 April 2015

Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Amendment Act 2015 (**Act No 6 of 2015**)

23 April 2015

Construction Industry Long Service Leave and Benefits Amendment Act 2015 (**Act No 7 of 2015**)

Local Government Legislation Amendment Act 2015 (**Act No 8 of 2015**)

Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Act 2015 (**Act No 9 of 2015**)

Dated 27 April 2015

6. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker advised Members of receipt of the following Message from His Honour the Administrator (Paper 1288):

Message No. 26

Appropriation (2015-2016) Bill 2015

I, JOHN LAURENCE HARDY OAM, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, under section 11 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* (Cth), recommend to the Legislative Assembly a Bill for a Act that authorises an amount to be paid from the Central Holding Authority to the Purposes of the Agencies specified in the Bill for the year ending 30 June 2016.

Dated 24 April 2015

7. REORDER OF BUSINESS – MOTION AGREED TO

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) pursuant to Standing Order 89, moved – That the Routine of Business be reordered as follows to allow:

The Treasurer to deliver the Budget today at 10am; followed by consideration of the Port of Darwin Select Committee Report on the Port of Darwin Lease Model; the luncheon suspension; Notices; Petitions; Question Time; and Resumption of Debate on the Appropriation (2015-2016) Bill 2015; and

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.

8. APPROPRIATION (2015-2016) BILL 2015 (SERIAL 121)

Mr Tollner (Treasurer), pursuant a recommendation by his Honour the Administrator, 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 2016.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate ensued.

Papers Tabled: Mr Tollner laid upon the Table –

1. Budget 2015-16, Budget Paper No. 1, Speech (Paper 1289);
2. Budget 2015-16, Budget Paper No. 2, Budget Strategy and Outlook (Paper 1290);
3. Budget 2015-16, Budget Paper No. 3, Agency Budget Statements (Paper 1291);
4. Budget 2015-16, Budget Paper No. 4, The Infrastructure Program (Paper 1292);
5. Budget 2015-16, Regional Highlights (Paper 1293);
6. Budget 2015-16, Budget Overview (Paper 1294);
7. Budget 2015-16, Northern Territory Economy (Paper 1295); and

8. Budget 2015-2016, Northern Territory Economy Overview (Paper 1296)

On the motion of Mr Gunner (Member for Fannie Bay) debate was adjourned.

9. PORT OF DARWIN SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE PORT OF DARWIN LEASE MODEL – TABLED PAPER

Mr Barrett (Chair of the Port of Darwin Select Committee) made a statement and laid on the Table – Port of Darwin Select Committee, Port of Darwin Lease Model, April 2015 (Paper 1297).

Mr Barrett moved – That the paper be printed.

Question – put and passed.

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

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Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Honourable Grant Tambling and family, former Senator and Member of the Legislative Assembly.

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

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

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Suspension of sittings: The sitting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.05am and 2.00pm.

10. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Styles (Minister for Business) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Gaming and Liquor Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 (Serial 125).
2. Mr Gunner (Member for Fannie Bay) will move on the next General Business day - That To ensure that all Ministerial travel is:
 1. undertaken in the interests of the Territory,
 2. Open and accountable to Territorians

The following measures will be introduced by the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly immediately

- All Ministerial travel will undergo evaluation from the public and private sectors regarding the benefit of the travel to the Northern Territory.
- These assessments will be made available to the public.
- Prior to departure, the Minister's itinerary will be published, removing the ability to sneak off on secret junkets.
- On return from overseas travel a full Parliamentary report on the trip will be provided by the Minister and will be made available to the public.
- Costs associated with the Minister's trip will be made available to the public.

3. Mr Wood (Member for Nelson) will move on the next General Business day - That the Chief Minister instruct the Minister for Lands and Planning to revoke his recent decision to amend the NT Planning Scheme (Amendment No 359) on Lowther Road Bees Creek and that any revised proposal must not include blocks below 1 hectare.

11. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 100A, laid upon the Table response to Petition Number 45 (Paper 1298).

12. QUESTIONS

- 14.02 Mr Gunner to Minister for Education
14.06 Mr Kurrupuwu to Chief Minister
14.09 Ms Manison to Minister for Education
14.13 Mr Barrett to Treasurer
14.16 Ms Moss to Minister for Children and Families
14.20 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Lands and Planning
14.23 Ms Anderson to Minister for Women's Policy (question taken on notice)
14.29 Mrs Finocchiaro to Chief Minister
14.32 Ms Walker to Minister for Health
14.36 Mr Barrett to Minister for Health
14.40 Ms Moss to Minister for Housing (answer by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs)
14.45 Mr Wood to Minister for Lands and Planning
14.47 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Infrastructure
14.49 Mr Gunner to Treasurer
14.53 Mr Barrett to Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries
14.57 Ms Manison to Chief Minister
15.01 Mrs Finocchiaro to Chief Minister

Mrs Price (Minister for Women's Policy) answered a question taken on notice.

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

13. NOTICE

The following notice was given, by leave:

Mr Tollner (Treasurer), will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 (Serial 123).

14. APPROPRIATION (2015-2016) BILL 2015 (SERIAL 121)

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

Debate resumed.

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

Debate continued.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Ms Fyles (Member for Nightcliff), Mrs Price (Member for Stuart) was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

On the motion of Mr Elferink (Member for Port Darwin) debate was adjourned.

15. JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 119) – 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.

16. LOCAL COURT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 120) – BILL AGREED TO
Resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Papers Tabled: Mr Elferink (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) laid upon the Table –

1. Letter, Mr John Lawrence SC, President Northern Territory Bar Association, raising concerns about the independence of a member of the Northern Territory judiciary, John Elferink, Attorney-General Minister for Justice, dated 12 June 2014 (Paper 1306);

2. Letter, to Hon. John Elferink MLA, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Paragraph 2.8 of the Constitution of the Northern Territory Bar Association, John B. Lawrence SC, President Northern Territory Bar Association, dated 4 June 2014 (Paper 1307); and

3. Letter, to Hon. John Elferink MLA, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, re letter dated 12 June 2014 regarding confidence that the court (in this case, the Magistrates Court) is more than capable of promoting and protecting the independence of the judiciary. Alistair Wyvill SC, Acting President, Northern Territory Bar Association, dated 25 June 2014 (Paper 1308).

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.

17. CO-OPERATIVES (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) BILL 2015 (SERIAL 114) – 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 Styles (Minister for Business), by leave, the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

18. REVIEW ON THE PROCESS OF POLITICAL DONATIONS IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY - THE MCGUINNESS REPORT – TABLED REPORT
Mr Giles (Chief Minister) made a statement and laid on the Table – Review on the process of Political Donations in the Northern Territory (The McGuinness Report) dated 15 February 2015 (Paper 1309).

19. PAPERS

The Deputy Speaker tabled the following Papers –

1. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Port Darwin, Mr John Elferink travel to USA to attend meetings from 1st December 2014 – 17th January 2015, pursuant to clause 4.12, dated 20 April 2015 (Paper 1310).
2. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Johnston, Mr Ken Vowles, travel to Alice Springs to meetings with the Arid Lands Environment Centre, the Central Australian Aboriginal Alcohol Programmes Unit 14th - 17th January 2015, pursuant to clause 4.12, dated 13 March 2015 (Paper 1313). .
3. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Casuarina, Ms Lauren Moss, travel to Adelaide and Melbourne to attend meetings relevant for my Shadow Portfolios on 8th – 11th March 2015, pursuant to clause 4.12, dated 16 April 2015 (Paper 1312). .
4. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Namatjira, Ms Alison Anderson, travel to Darwin to attend meetings with NAILSMA and NAAJA on 20th – 23rd February 2015, pursuant to clause 4.12, dated 19 March 2015 (Paper 1311). .

20. ADJOURNMENT

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

Paper Tabled: Mr McCarthy (Member for Barkly), by leave, laid upon the Table – Photograph of Corporal Frederick Prentice MM, - Centenary of ANZAC 1915 - 2015 (Paper 1314).

The Assembly adjourned at 9.22pm until Wednesday 29 April 2015 at 10.00am.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been Tabled on 28 April 2015 -

Annual Reports 2013/2014:

Board of the Australian Crime Commission, 2013/2014 (Paper 1299)

By-Laws 2015:

Charles Darwin University (Site and Traffic) Amendment By-Laws 2015 (Paper 1305)

Coroner's Act:

In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and recommendations regarding the death of Baby C, pursuant to section 46B, dated 3 April 2015 (Paper 1300)

Subordinate Legislation 2015:

No. 2 of 2015, Electricity Reform (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2015 (Paper 1301)

No. 3 of 2015, Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Regulations 2015 (Paper 1302)

No. 4 of 2015, Gaming Machine Amendment (Levy) Regulations 2015 (Paper 1303)

No. 5 of 2015, Marine (General) Amendment Regulations 2015 (Paper 1304)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the sittings.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly