

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 104

Wednesday 2 December 2015

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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 Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of two Year 5/6 classes from St Paul's Catholic Primary School.

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

**4. ELECTORAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 149)**

Mr Giles (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Electoral Act* and the *Electoral Regulations*.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate ensued.

**Paper Tabled:** Mr Giles laid upon the Table the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1590).

On the motion of Mr Vowles (Member for Johnston) debate was adjourned.

**5. REORDER OF BUSINESS – MOTION AGREED TO**

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) pursuant to Standing Order 59, moved – That Ministerial Statements be called on after Government Business, Orders of the Day 1 and that Government Business be resumed after Ministerial Statements.

Question – put and passed.

**6. TRAFFIC ACT AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 138) – 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 Chandler (Minister for Transport), by leave, the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

**7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – WOMEN'S POLICY**

Mrs Price (Minister for Women's Policy) made a statement regarding progress in developing and implementing measures to improve the lives of Territory women.

Mrs Price moved – That the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

**Visitors:** The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of a Year 5/6 class from St Paul's Catholic Primary School.

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

Debate continued.

**Extension of Time:** On the motion of Ms Fyles (Member for Nightcliff), Ms Walker (Member for Nhulunbuy) was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

**Visitors:** The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of the Northern Territory Junior Track and Field Team.

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

Debate continued.

**Visitors:** The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of senior students from Palmerston Senior College Special Education Centre.

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

Debate continued.

**Extension of Time:** On the motion of Mr Elferink (Member for Port Darwin), Mr Styles (Member for Sanderson) was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Debate suspended.

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

## 8. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Elferink (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Small Claims Bill 2015 (Serial 144).
2. Mr Elferink (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Justice Legislation Amendment (Small Claims and Other Matters) Bill 2015 (Serial 145).
3. Mr Elferink (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will move on the next sitting day - that so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the bills titled Justice Legislation Amendment (Small Claims and Other Matters) Bill 2015 (Serial 145) and Small Claims Bill 2015 (Serial 144):
  1. together be debated, and in one motion be put in regard to the second and the third readings of the bills; and

2. be considered separately in the Consideration in Detail stage.
4. Mr Elferink (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Justice Legislation Amendment (Vulnerable Witnesses) Bill 2015 (Serial 146).
5. Mr Elferink (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Personal Violence Restraining Orders Bill 2015 (Serial 147).
6. Mr Elferink (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Local Court (Repeals and Related Amendments) Bill 2015 (Serial 148).

**9. QUESTIONS**

14.03 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister (supplementary question)

**Paper Tabled:** Mr Gunner (Member for Fannie Bay), by leave, laid upon the Table – Answer to Written Question No. 291, Ministerial Travel, What was the value of travel and other services organised or provided by Latitude Travel in 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015 (year to date) (Paper 1592).

- 14.08 Mrs Finocchiaro to Chief Minister  
14.12 Ms Manison to Minister for Education  
14.16 Mr Wood to Minister for Essential Services  
14.19 Mr Conlan to Minister for Lands and Planning  
14.23 Ms Lawrie to Treasurer

**Paper Tabled:** Ms Lawrie (Member for Karama), by leave, laid upon the Table – Economic Insights, Fastest economic growth in 18 months, dated 2 December 2015 (Paper 1593).

- 14.28 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services  
14.33 Ms Manison to Minister for Education  
14.37 Mr Barrett to Minister for Business

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**Visitors:** The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Charles Darwin University Liaison Librarians doing professional development.

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

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- 14.41 Ms Walker to Minister for Education  
14.45 Mr Conlan to Minister for Business  
14.49 Mr McCarthy to Minister for Education  
14.53 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.

Mr Westra van Holthe answered a question relating to Power and Water East Arm Depot.

**10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – WOMEN'S POLICY – 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 Mrs Price (Member for Stuart), Mr Elferink (Member for Port Darwin) was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question – put and passed.

**11. 'ICE' SELECT COMMITTEE - BREAKING THE ICE, INQUIRY INTO 'ICE' USE IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Resumption of debate on the question – That Mr Barrett (Member for Blain) continues his remarks.

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

Debate resumed.

Debate suspended.

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**General Business:** The time being 5.30pm, General Business commenced.

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**12. MEDICAL SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 150)**

Ms Purick (Member for Goyder), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Medical Services Act*.

Bill read a first time.

Ms Purick moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

**Paper Tabled:** Ms Purick laid upon the Table the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1594).

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

**13. STAMP DUTY RELIEF AND FIRST HOME OWNERS GRANTS – MOTION AGREED TO**

Mrs Lambley (Member for Araluen) pursuant to notice, moved – That the Government considers providing stamp duty relief or a grant to assist First Home Owners to buy existing homes.

Debate ensued.

**Extension of Time:** On the motion of Mr Chandler (Member for Brennan), Mr Tollner (Member for Fong Lim) was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question – put and passed.

**14. FUNDING AND RESOURCING TERRITORY SCHOOLS**

Resumption of debate on the question - 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

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

Debate ensued.

**Extension of Time:** On the motion of Mr Chandler (Member for Brennan), Mr Styles (Member for Sanderson) was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

**Extension of Time:** On the motion of Mr Westra van Holthe (Member for Katherine), Mr Tollner (Member for Fong Lim) was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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**Withdrawal from Chamber:** The Speaker ordered Mr Elferink (Member for Port Darwin) to withdraw from the Assembly for one hour pursuant to Standing Order 49.

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Debate continued.

The time being 9.00pm, debate was suspended at the completion of General Business.

**15. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – MOTION NOT AGREED TO**

Mr Wood (Member for Nelson) pursuant to Standing Order 252, moved – That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent this house from debating General Business, Orders of the Day numbers 1 and 2.

Debate ensued.

Ms Fyles (Member for Nightcliff) moved – That the motion now be put.

Question – put

The Assembly divided:

**Ayes - 14**

Mr Barrett  
Mr Chandler  
Mr Elferink  
Ms Fyles  
Mr Giles  
Mr Gunner  
Mr Higgins  
Ms Lee  
Mr McCarthy  
Ms Manison  
Ms Moss  
Mr Styles  
Mr Tollner  
Ms Walker

**Noes - 6**

Mr Conlan  
Mrs Finocchiaro  
Ms Lawrie  
Mrs Price  
Mr Westra van Holthe  
Mr Wood

Motion agreed to.

Question – That the motion be agreed to - put

The Assembly divided:

**Ayes - 8**

Ms Fyles  
Mr Gunner  
Ms Lawrie  
Mr McCarthy  
Ms Manison

**Noes - 12**

Mr Barrett  
Mr Chandler  
Mr Conlan  
Mr Elferink  
Mrs Finocchiaro

Ms Moss  
Ms Walker  
Mr Wood

Mr Giles  
Mr Higgins  
Ms Lee  
Mrs Price  
Mr Styles  
Mr Tollner  
Mr Westra van Holthe

Motion not agreed to.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Higgins (Minister for the Environment) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 10.05pm until Thursday 3 December 2015 at 10.00am.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been Tabled on 2 December 2015 -

**Annual Reports 2014/2015:**

Northern Territory Grants Commission, 2014/2015 (Paper 1591)

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended the sittings.

MICHAEL TATHAM  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly