

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 80

Thursday 19 February 2015

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 2.00pm. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick took the Chair.

2. PRAYERS

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – AGREED TO

Mr Gunner (Member for Fannie Bay) moved – That a leave of absence for today be granted to the Ms Walker (Member for Nhulunbuy) on account of personal business.

Motion agreed to.

4. CHIEF MINISTER'S STATEMENT

Mr Giles (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement regarding Tropical Cyclone Lam.

5. PETITION

Ms Purick (Member for Goyder), presented Petition No. 43 from 970 petitioners, conforming with Standing Orders praying that you stop the eradication program and save our banana plants (Paper 1243).

Petition read.

6. NOTICES

The following notice was given:

1. Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) will move on the next sitting day – Pursuant to Standing Order 257, the February 2015 Report to the Legislative Assembly from the Auditor-General be printed; and that the Assembly take note of the paper.

7. QUESTIONS

- 14.10 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister (referred to the Treasurer)
- 14.14 Mr Kurrupuwu to Chief Minister
- 14.18 Ms Moss to Chief Minister
- 14.22 Mrs Finocchiaro to Chief Minister
- 14.26 Ms Fyles to Chief Minister
- 14.29 Mr Conlan to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- 14.33 Mr McCarthy to Chief Minister
- 14.35 Mr McCarthy to Chief Minister (supplementary question)
- 14.37 Mr Barrett to Treasurer
- 14.42 Mr Wood to Chief Minister (referred to Minister for Mines and Energy)
- 14.43 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister

Paper Tabled: Mr Gunner (Member for Fannie Bay), by leave, laid upon the Table - Transcript of a recording, Mr Giles Chief Minister, dated 4 February 2015 (Paper 1244).

- 14.47 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Parks and Wildlife
- 14.50 Ms Manison to Chief Minister (referred to Minister for Education)
- 14.54 Mr Barrett to Minister for Sport and Recreation
- 14.58 Mr Vowles to Chief Minister
- 15.01 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Land Resource Management
- 15.04 Ms Lee to Minister for Housing
- 15.06 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Housing

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

8. CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LONG SERVICE LEAVE AND BENEFITS AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 112)

Mr Styles (Minister for Business), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Construction Industry Long Service Leave and Benefits Act*.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Mr Styles laid upon the Table the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1245).

On the motion of Mr McCarthy (Member for Barkly) debate was adjourned.

9. POLICE (SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE AND OTHER POWERS) BILL 2014 (SERIAL 100) – 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 Police, Fire and Emergency Services), by leave, the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - THE POWER AND WATER CORPORATION: THE JOURNEY TOWARDS BUILDING A FIRST CLASS UTILITIES SECTOR – STATEMENT NOTED

Mr Tollner (Treasurer) made a statement regarding the work the Government is doing to ensure the Northern Territory meets this challenge now and into the future.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

Question – put and passed.

11. PAPERS

The Deputy Speaker tabled the following Papers –

1. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Fannie Bay, Mr Michael Gunner, travelled to Melbourne in relation to my shadow portfolios of Infrastructure, Planning and Housing, 15th- 17th November 2014, pursuant to clause 4.12, dated 18 February 2015 (Paper 1246).
2. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Johnston, Mr Ken Vowles, to travel to Melbourne to attend the Australasian Study of Parliament Group NSW 2014 Conference 25th September – 5th October 2014, pursuant to clause 4.12, not dated (Paper 1247).

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Westra van Holthe (Deputy Chief Minister) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 6.36pm until Tuesday 24 February 2015 at 10.00am.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been Tabled on 19 February 2015 -

Annual Reports 2013/2014:

Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission, 2013/2014 (Paper 1242)

ATTENDANCE

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

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly