

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 102

Thursday 19 November 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 Darwin High School Senior Intensive English Unit.

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

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker made a statement regarding:

1. Completion of the 2015 Members' Survey; and
2. Conduct of media in the Press Gallery on 18 November 2015.

5. NORTH EAST GAS INTERCONNECTOR PIPELINE (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 2015 (SERIAL 143)

Mr Giles (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make special provision for the North East Gas Interconnector Pipeline Project.

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 1535).

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

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO PASS A BILL ON URGENCY – MOTION AGREED TO

Mr Giles (Chief Minister) pursuant to notice, moved – That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the North East Gas Interconnector Pipeline (Special Provisions) Bill 2015 (Serial 143) passing through all stages during the December sittings.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

7. SUPERANNUATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 132) – 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 Tollner (Treasurer), by leave, the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

8. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS' SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 133) – 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 Tollner (Treasurer), by leave, the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

9. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – OCTOBER BUSINESS MONTH - NOTE STATEMENT

Mr Styles (Minister for Business) made a statement regarding October Business Month.

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

Debate ensued.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr Elferink (Member for Port Darwin), Mr Chandler (Member for Brennan) 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.

10. PETITION

Ms Walker (Member for Nhulunbuy), by leave, presented Petition No. 57 from 446 petitioners, not conforming with Standing Orders relating to unsuitable prisoners in Datjala Work Camp (Paper 1536).

Petition read.

11. QUESTIONS

- 14.01 Mr Gunner to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- 14.05 Mrs Finocchiaro to Chief Minister
- 14.08 Mr Vowles to Chief Minister
- 14.13 Mr Barrett to Treasurer
- 14.17 Ms Fyles to Chief Minister
- 14.21 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Infrastructure
- 14.25 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister
- 14.29 Ms Fyles to Treasurer
- 14.34 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries
- 14.37 Ms Fyles to Treasurer (taken on notice)
- 14.38 Mr Barrett to Minister for Business
- 14.42 Ms Manison to Treasurer (supplementary question)
- 14.47 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Local Government and Community Services
- 14.50 Mr Wood to Minister for Local Government and Community Services
- 14.52 Mr Barrett to Minister for Sport and Recreation
- 14.55 Ms Walker to Minister for Women's Policy

Paper Tabled: Ms Walker (Member for Nhulunbuy), by leave, laid upon the Table –

1. Letter, to Hon. Bess Price MLA regarding the ongoing costs of repairs and maintenance to properties purchased by Dawn House through the Community Housing Programme, from Ms Susan Crane, Executive Officer, Dawn House Incorporated, dated 22nd September 2015 (Paper 1579); and

2. Letter, to Ms Susan Crane, Executive Officer, Dawn House Incorporated, requesting my intervention into the decision made by the Department of Housing not to re-instate a cyclical maintenance program for air conditioners, from Hon. Bess Price, dated 29 October 2015 (Paper 1580).

14.58 Mr Barrett to Minister for Tourism

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

12. PAPER TABLED – ‘ICE’ SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT - BREAKING THE ICE, INQUIRY INTO ‘ICE’ USE IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY, NOVEMBER 2015

Mr Barrett (Chair of the 'Ice' Select Committee) made a statement and laid on the Table – ‘Ice’ Select Committee - Breaking the ‘Ice’, Inquiry into ‘ice’ use in the Northern Territory, November 2015 (Paper 1581).

Mr Barrett moved – That the paper be printed.

Question – put and passed.

Leave was granted for Mr Barrett to continue his remarks at a later time.

13. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – OCTOBER BUSINESS MONTH - NOTE STATEMENT
Resumption of debate on the question – That the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Debate resumed.

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

14. ASSEMBLY ADOPT NEW STANDING ORDERS – MOTION AGREED TO
Resumption of debate on the question – That the Assembly agree to the new Standing Orders at Annexure A of the report, and that they take effect from 1 December 2015.

Debate ensued.

Ms Fyles moved the following amendment –

After 'adopted' -

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And, that the Assembly adopt a new Sessional Order as of 1 December which will:

1. Suspend the operation of Standing Order 117, and
2. Order that:

When A Ministerial Statement May be Made

A Minister may make a statement on:

1. government policy
2. a government decision

3. government action, or
4. proposed government action

At any time when there is no question before the Assembly: provided that copies of the statement are distributed to Members by 5 pm the day before the statement is made.

Such statements when circulated are to be treated with confidence.

Debate continued.

Question – That the amendment be agreed to – put and passed.

Question – That the motion as amended be agreed to - put and passed.

15. PAPERS

The Speaker tabled the following Papers – Quarterly Members Fuel Transaction Report, dated 18 November 2015 (Paper 1582).

Mr Higgins (Minister for the Environment) made a statement and laid on the Table – Annual Report 2014/2015, Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (Paper 1583).

Mr Higgins moved – That the paper be printed.

16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr Giles, by leave, incorporated his speech into the Parliamentary Record.

The Assembly adjourned at 5.47pm until Tuesday 1 December 2015 at 10.00am.

PAPERS

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

Annual Reports 2014/2015:

Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Tribunal, 2014/2015 (Paper 1537)
Children's Commissioner Northern Territory, 2014/2015 (Paper 1540)
Commissioner for Information and Public Interest Disclosures, 2014/2015 (Paper 1541)
Community Benefit Fund, 2014/2015 (Paper 1542)
Community Justice Centre, 2014/2015 (Paper 1543)
Department of Arts and Museums, 2014/2015 (Paper 1538)
Department of Children and Families, 2014/2015 (Paper 1544)
Department of Corporate and Information Services, 2014/2015 (Paper 1545)
Department of Education, 2014/2015 (Paper 1546)
Department of Health, 2014/2015 (Paper 1547)
Department of the Attorney-General and Justice, 2014/2015 (Paper 1548)
Department of Sport and Recreation, 2014/2015 (Paper 1569)
Department of Transport, 2014/2015 (Paper 1549)
Desert Knowledge Australia, 2014/2015 (Paper 1550)
Director of Public Prosecutions Northern Territory of Australia, 2014/2015 (Paper 1551)
Electricity Safety Regulator, *Electricity Reform Act*, 2014/2015 (Paper 1552)
Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Act, 2014/2015 (Paper 1562)
Health and Community Services Complaints Commission, 2014/2015 (Paper 1553)
Heritage Council Northern Territory, 2014/2015 (Paper 1554)
Legislative Assembly Members' Superannuation Fund, 2014/2015 (Paper 1555)
Motor Accidents (Compensation) Commission, 2014/2015 (MACC) (Paper 1556)
National Rail Safety Regulator, 2014/2015 (Paper 1557)
Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Commission, 2014/2015 (Paper 1558)
Northern Territory Child Deaths Review and Prevention Committee, 2014/2015 (Paper 1559)

Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal, 2014/2015 (Paper 1560)
Northern Territory Consumer Affairs, 2014/2015 (Paper 1561)
Northern Territory Government and Public Authorities' Superannuation Scheme, 2014/2015 (Paper 1563)
Northern Territory Mental Health Review Tribunal, 2014/2015 (Paper 1564)
Northern Territory Planning Commission, 2014/2015 (Paper 1565)
Northern Territory Treasury Corporation, 2014/2015 (Paper 1566)
NT Build, Portable Long Service Leave Northern Territory Construction Industry, 2014/2015 (Paper 1567)
Community Visitor Program, 2014/2015 (Paper 1568)
Tarcoola-Darwin Rail Access Regulation, 2014/2015 (Paper 1570)
Utilities Commission of the Northern Territory, 2014/2015 (Paper 1571)
Work Health and Safety Advisory Council *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act*, 2014/2015 (Paper 1572)
Work Health Authority *Work Health Administration Act*, 2014/2015 (Paper 1573)
Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Advisory Council *Return to Work Act*, 2014/2015 (Paper 1574)
Youth Justice Advisory Committee, 2014/2015 (Paper 1575)

Coroner's Report:

In the matter of the Coroner's Finding and recommendations regarding the death of Ms Moetu Aphene, pursuant to section 46B, dated 30 October 2015 (Paper 1578)

Serious Crime Control Act:

Review pursuant to section 85 for the financial year ending 30 June 2015, dated 21 August 2015 (Paper 1576)

Surveillance Devices Act:

Annual Reporting requirements, 2014/2015, Australian Crime Commission, pursuant to section 59(4) (Paper 1539)
Annual Reporting, 2014/2015, Use and Effectiveness of Powers, pursuant to section 59(1)(3)-(4) (Paper 1577)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the sittings.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly