

# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## No. 2

Wednesday 24 October 2012

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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 Members of the presence in the public gallery of Wulagi Primary School Year 5/6 students accompanied by Ms Jodie Houghton.  
On behalf of all Members the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.
4. **STATEMENT BY SPEAKER:**  
The Speaker advised Members of an interruption to the electronic access to the Daily Hansard transcript.
5. **QUESTIONS:**

10.01am	Ms Lawrie to Mr Mills and supplementary.
10.03am	Mr Higgins to Mr Mills.
10.05am	Ms Price to Mr Mills.
10.07am	Ms Lawrie to Mr Mills.
10.10am	Ms Lawrie to Mr Mills.
10.13am	Mr Styles to Mr Mills.
10.17am	Ms Lawrie to Mr Mills.
10.19am	Ms Finocchiaro to Mrs Lambley.

**Paper tabled:** Mrs Lambley laid on the Table the following paper as follows –

  - Press Release by Paul Henderson's Labor Team – CLP Black Hole Will Mean Jobs Axed and Tax Increases, dated 6 August 2008 (Paper 32).

10.23am	Mr Wood to Mr Mills.
10.25am	Ms Lawrie to Mr Mills.
10.28am	Mr Kurrupuwu to Mrs Lambley.
10.33am	Ms Lawrie to Mr Mills.
10.35am	Mr Vatskalis to Mr Tollner.
10.37am	Ms Lee to Mrs Lambley.
10.40am	Ms Lawrie to Mr Giles.
10.41am	Mr Styles to Mr Elferink.
10.44am	Ms Lawrie to Mrs Lambley.
10.46am	Mr Wood to Mr Mills.
10.47am	Mr McCarthy to Mr Giles.
10.51am	Ms Lee to Mr Tollner.
10.54am	Mr McCarthy to Mr Giles.
10.58am	Mrs Price to Ms Anderson.

The Leader of Government Business (Mr Elferink) asked that further questions be placed on the Written Question Paper.
6. **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE – INCREASE TO NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEE – MOTION AGREED TO:**  
The Leader of Government Business (Mr Elferink), by leave, moved - That, notwithstanding anything contained in Standing Orders, the number of Members to serve on the Public Accounts Committee be increased to six.  
Debate ensued.  
Question – put and passed.

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7. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE – MEMBER FOR KATHERINE – MOTION AGREED TO:**  
The Leader of Government Business (Mr Elferink), by leave, moved – That the Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries (Mr Westra van Holthe) have leave for the period from 12 Noon today to close of business 25 October 2012.  
Debate ensued.  
Question – put and passed.
8. **ALTERATION TO ORDER OF BUSINESS – GENERAL BUSINESS:**  
The Member for Fannie Bay (Mr Gunner), by leave, advised the Assembly that with the concurrence of all Members the item of business standing in the name of Mr Wood, General Business, Notices relating to commercial fishing be moved to item Number 4.
9. **ROUTINE OF BUSINESS – MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS CALLED ON – MOTION AGREED TO:**  
The Leader of Government Business (Mr Elferink) moved – That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Routine of Business, Ministerial Statements being called on forthwith.  
Debate ensued.  
Question – put and passed.
10. **ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE TERRITORY - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:**  
The Chief Minister (Mr Mills) made a statement relating to the current economic and business position of the Territory.  
Mr Mills moved – That the Assembly take note of the Statement.  
Debate ensued.

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**Visitors:** The Speaker advised Members of the presence in the public galleries of Sanderson Middle School Year 7 students accompanied by Miss Dickinson and Mrs Stephenson.  
On behalf of all Member the Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

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Debate continued.  
Debate suspended.

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**Suspension of sittings:** The sitting of the Assembly was suspended between 12 Noon and 2pm.

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11. **PETITIONS:**  
The Member for Fong Lim (Mr Tollner) presented Petition No. 1 from 3630 petitioners requesting that O'Ferrals Rock be declared as a conservation zone (Paper 33).  
**Petition read.**
12. **NOTICES:**  
Mr Giles: To present the Rail Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Bill 2012 (Serial 5).  
Mr Wood: To move –
1. That, the government review the future development of the One Mile Dam, Knuckey Lagoon and 15 mile communities; and
  2. That, the review include –

- (a) any future development plans;
- (b) existing and future land leasing arrangements;
- (c) home ownership; and
- (d) governance including local government; and

3. That, the review should include views of residents, aboriginal development foundation, relevant housing bodies and all other relevant government agencies and non-government organisations.

Mr Conlan: To present the Tourism NT Bill 2012 (Serial 8).

Mr Conlan: To move - That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Tourism NT Bill 2012 (Serial 8) passing through all stages on Thursday 1 November 2012.

**13. ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE TERRITORY - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – STATEMENT NOTED:**

The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of debate, suspended earlier this day, on the question – That the Assembly take note of the Statement - Debate resumed.

**Extension of time:** On the motion of the Member for Port Darwin (Mr Elferink) the Member for Araluen (Mrs Lambley) was granted an extension of time, pursuant to Standing Order 77.

Debate continued.

**Extension of time:** On the motion of the Member for Barkly (Mr McCarthy) the Member for Casuarina (Mr Vatskalis) was granted an extension of time, pursuant to Standing Order 77.

Debate continued.

**Paper tabled:** Mr Vatskalis, by leave, laid on the Table the following Paper –

- Press Release, Policy – Children’s Commissioner Power to Protect Territory Children, dated 10 February 2010 (Paper 38).

Debate continued.

Question – put and passed.

**14. EVIDENCE (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2012 (Serial 1) – PASS ALL STAGES – MOTION AGREED TO:**

The Leader of Government Business (Mr Elferink), pursuant to notice, moved – That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Evidence (National Uniform Legislation) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012 (Serial 1) passing through all stages on Thursday 1 November 2012.

Debate ensued.

Question – put and passed.

**15. EVIDENCE (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2012 (Serial 1):**

The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mr Elferink), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to make consequential and other amendments relating to the *Evidence (National Uniform Legislation) Act*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Elferink moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

**Paper tabled:** Mr Elferink laid on the Table the following Paper –

- Explanatory Statement, Evidence (National Uniform Legislation) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2012 (Paper 39).

On the motion of the Member for Nhulunbuy (Ms Walker) debate was adjourned.

**16. FURTHER NOTICE:**

The following further Notice, by leave, was given -

Mr Mills: To present the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority Bill 2012 (Serial 7).

**17. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY - MOTION AGREED TO:**

The Order of the Day having been read for resumption of debate on the motion moved by the Chief Minister (Mr Mills) - That the following Address-in-Reply be agreed to:

To Her Honour the Administrator of the Northern Territory.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR -

We, the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory, in Parliament assembled, express our loyalty to the Sovereign and thank your Honour for the Speech you have been pleased to address to the Assembly.

Debate resumed.

**Extension of time:** On the motion of the Member for Sanderson (Mr Styles) the Member for Nelson (Mr Wood) was granted an extension of time, pursuant to Standing Order 77.

Debate continued.

**Papers tabled:** Mr Chandler presented the following Papers –

- Graph, Housing Financing for Owner Occupation by Purpose, 2002 to 2012 (Paper 40);
- Graph, Quarterly Median Unit Prices, REINT, 2002 to 2013 (Paper 40);
- Graph, Quarterly Median House Prices, REINT, 2002 to 2013 (Paper 40).

Debate continued.

**Extension of Time:** On the motion of the Member for Sanderson (Mr Styles) the Member for Araluen (Mrs Lambley) was granted an extension of time, pursuant to Standing Order 77.

Debate continued.

Question – put and passed.

**18. BANNED DRINKERS REGISTER – MOTION NEGATIVED:**

The Leader of the Opposition (Ms Lawrie), pursuant to notice, moved – That this House condemns the Government for removing the Banned Drinkers Register with no alternative in place and calls for the Government to outline their plans for return of the rivers of grog to our bush communities.

Debate ensued.

**Extension of Time:** On the motion of the Member for Barkly (Mr McCarthy) the Member for Nhulunbuy (Ms Walker) was granted an extension of time, pursuant to Standing Order 77.

Debate continued.

**Extension of Time:** On the motion of the Member for Barkly (Mr McCarthy) the Member for Nelson (Mr Wood) was granted an extension of time, pursuant to Standing Order 77.

Debate continued.

**Extension of Time:** On the motion of the Member for Barkly (Mr McCarthy) the Member for Fong Lim (Mr Tollner) was granted an extension of time, pursuant to Standing Order 77.

Debate continued.

**Extension of Time:** On the motion of the Member for Karama (Ms Lawrie) the Member for Barkly (Mr McCarthy) was granted an extension of time, pursuant to Standing Order 77.

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Debate continued.  
Question – put and negatived.

**19. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

And the Assembly adjourned at 11.48pm, until Thursday 25 October 2012 at 10am.

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**PAPERS:**

The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 October 2012 –

**By-Laws 2012:**

Bayview Estate Amendment (Paper 34)

**Coroners Reports:**

In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and recommendations into the death of Mr Steven Andrew Forbes, pursuant to Section 46B, dated 2 August 2012 (Paper 35)

In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and recommendations into the death of Mr Robert Martin Johnson, pursuant to Section 46B, dated 8 October 2012 (Paper 36)

**Plan of Management:**

Litchfield National Park, December 2011 (Paper 37)

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**ATTENDANCE:**

All Members attended the sittings.