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**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**of the**

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**No. 13**

**Tuesday 12 February 2013**

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1. **MEETING:**  
The Assembly met at 10am. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick, took the Chair.
2. **PRAYERS.**
3. **MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR No 4:**  
The Speaker advised Members of receipt of the following Message from Her Honour the Administrator:

**Message No 4 – Assent to Proposed Laws**

I, SALLY THOMAS AM, the Administrator for 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 law(s):

**6 December 2012**

Criminal Code Amendment (Violent Act Causing Death) Act 2012  
(Act No 25 of 2012)  
Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority Act 2012 (Act No 28 of 2012)  
Planning Amendment Act 2012 (Act No 26 of 2012)  
Police Administration Amendment Act 2012 (Act No 24 of 2012)  
Rail Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2012 (Act No 27 of 2012)

**11 December 2012**

Classification of Publications, Films and Computer Games Amendment Act 2012  
(Act No 29 of 2012)

**18 December 2012**

Animal Welfare Amendment Act 2012 (Act No 31 of 2012)  
Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2012 (Act No 30 2012)

Dated 1 February 2013

SALLY THOMAS AM  
Administrator  
(Paper 191)

4. **STATEMENT BY SPEAKER - RESIGNATION OF FORMER MEMBER FOR WANGURI:**  
The Speaker advised Members that on 23 January 2013 she received a letter notifying the resignation of the former Member for Wanguri, Mr Paul Raymond

Henderson, submitted to her in accordance with section 18 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* (Paper 192).

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business), by leave, made a statement.

Ms Lawrie (Leader of the Opposition) sought leave to make a statement.

Leave denied.

**5. STATEMENT BY SPEAKER – ISSUE OF WRIT:**

The Speaker advised Members that a writ had been issued by Her Honour the Administrator for a by-election for the Legislative Assembly Division of Wanguri on Saturday 16 February 2013.

**6. QUESTIONS:**

- 10.15 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister
- 10.19 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister (Supplementary)
- 10.20 Ms Finocchiaro to Chief Minister
- 10.23 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister
- 10.25 Ms Finocchiaro to Chief Minister
- 10.27 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister

**Paper Tabled:** Ms Lawrie, by leave, laid upon the Table a text message from Ms Lee to Jawoyn Association re hotel booking, dated 29 February 2012 (Paper 193).

- 10.29 Mr Higgins to Chief Minister
- 10.33 Mr Wood to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- 10.34 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister
- 10.36 Mr Styles to Chief Minister
- 10.39 Ms Walker to Chief Minister
- 10.42 Ms Lee to Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
- 10.46 Mr Higgins to Minister for Public Employment
- 10.50 Ms Lee to Minister for Transport
- 10.53 Ms Walker to Chief Minister
- 10.57 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister
- 10.59 Mr Styles to Minister for Transport
- 11.02 Mr Wood to Chief Minister
- 11.05 Mr McCarthy to Chief Minister
- 11.06 Mr Kurruwu to Minister for Sport and Recreation
- 11.08 Mr McCarthy to Chief Minister
- 11.08 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister
- 11.10 Ms Lee to Minister for Transport

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

**7. VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT BILL 2012 (SERIAL 10):**

The Order of the Day having been read for the 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.

Leave granted for a motion for the third reading of the Bill to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Elferink (Attorney-General), the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

**Suspension of sittings:** The sitting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.53am and 2pm.

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**8. NOTICES:**

The following notices were given —

1. Mr Elferink: To move — That the Routine of Business for Tuesday 19 February 2013 commence at 2pm and be re-ordered in the following manner.

1. Prayers
2. Notices
3. Petitions
4. Questions
5. Government Business – Notices and Orders of the Day
6. Ministerial Statements
7. Papers
8. Consideration of Committee Reports and Government Responses and Auditor-General's Reports
9. Discussion pursuant to Standing Order 92 (Matter of Public Importance)

2. Mr Elferink: To move — That unless otherwise ordered, this Assembly authorises the broadcast, re-broadcast and televising of all or portions of the debates or proceedings of the Assembly or a Committee, for the purposes of section 23 of the Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act, in accordance with the following provisions:

1. Recordings and broadcasts may be made only from the Legislative Assembly sound and vision monitoring system, unless otherwise approved by the Speaker or his or her delegate and in accordance with guidelines determined by the Speaker from time to time.
2. Recording and broadcast of sound and vision of committee proceedings are subject to any conditions or restrictions agreed to by the committee.
3. Broadcasts of excerpts shall be used only for the purposes of fair and accurate reports of proceedings, and shall not be used for:
  - (a) political party advertising or election campaigns;
  - (b) satire or ridicule; or
  - (c) commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising.
4. Reports of proceedings shall be such as to provide a balanced presentation of differing views.
5. Excerpts of proceedings which are subsequently withdrawn may be broadcast only if the withdrawal is also reported.
6. Excerpts must be placed in context. Commentators should identify members, at least by name.

7. Events in the galleries are not part of the proceedings and excerpts in relation to such events, as far as is practicable, should not be used.
  8. Where the excerpts are used on commercial networks, the station should try to ensure that advertising before and after excerpts is of an appropriate nature.
  9. Where the audio excerpts of proceedings are used on television, their use may be that of audio over still frames, or overlay material.
  10. Any other conditions determined by the Speaker.
  11. Non-compliance with the guidelines listed above may incur penalties imposed by the Speaker.
3. Ms Lawrie: To move — That this Assembly condemns the Government for breaking the promises they made to Territorians at the last election, driving up the cost of living and increasing public drunkenness and antisocial behaviour.
  4. Mr Wood: To move — That the government scraps the \$20 charge that will be required to be paid at MVR offices by Territorians who do not wish to or cannot pay the renewal of their registration or licence fees via the internet or over the telephone.

**9. PETITIONS:**

The following petition was presented.

Mr Wood, by leave, presented Petition No. 9 from 4115 petitioners not conforming with Standing Orders in relation to the Government's proposed closure of the Humpty Doo Fire Station (Paper 195).

Petition read.

**RESPONSES:**

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 100A, laid upon the table responses to Petition No. s 1 and 3 relating to respectively: O'Ferrals Rock declared as a Conservation Zone with Heritage listing; and Cyclist and Pedestrian Safety on Charles Eaton Drive (Paper 196).

**10. CONDOLENCE MOTION — MR JOHANNES CORNELIS (HANS) VOS — MOTION AGREED TO:**

The Speaker informed the Assembly of the death on 15 January 2013 of Mr Hans Vos, noted Darwin Architect and Developer.

The Speaker advised Members of the presence in the Speaker's Gallery of family, friends and distinguished visitors.

Mr Mills (Chief Minister), by leave, moved — That this Assembly express its condolences at the passing of Hans Vos, former principal of an international architecture practice, architect, building designer, master planner, and visionary Territorian, and extend deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Mr Mills thereupon addressed the Assembly.

Ms Lawrie (Leader of the Opposition) addressed the Assembly.

Debate ensued.

Motion agreed to.

As a mark of respect Members stood in their places in silence for one minute.

**11. GAS TO GOVE — MINISTERIAL STATEMENT — MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:**

Mr Mills (Chief Minister) made a statement relating to the supply of liquid natural gas to Nhulunbuy on the Gove Peninsula.

Mr Mills moved — That the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

**Quorum:** Ms Lawrie drew the attention of the Deputy Speaker to the state of the Assembly.

Bells having been rung and a Quorum having been obtained —

Debate continued.

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**Visitors:** The Speaker advised Members of the presence in the public gallery of Sanderson Middle School students and Night School Program senior students accompanied by Mr Glenn Gonzalez.

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

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**Extension of Time:** On the motion of Mr Westra van Holthe, Mrs Lambley was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

**Extension of Time:** On the motion of Mr Wood, Ms Walker was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr Mills sought leave to continue his remarks at a later hour.

Leave granted.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Debate ensued.

Mr Mills sought leave to have material in relation to the 2013 Australia Day Honours List incorporated in the Parliamentary Record.

Leave granted.

Debate continued.

Question — put and passed.

And the Assembly adjourned at 6.33pm until Wednesday 13 February 2013 at 10am.

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**PAPERS:**

The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on 12 February 2013 –

**Annual Report**

Annual Report 2011-12, Public Trustee of the Northern Territory (Paper 194)

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended the sittings.

Ian McNeill  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly