

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 82

Wednesday 25 February 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 Year 11 Legal Studies students from Darwin High School.

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

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 116)

Mrs Price (Minister for Local Government and Community Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Local Government Act* and *Local Government (Electoral) Regulations*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mrs Price moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Mrs Price laid upon the Table the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1250).

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

5. CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (REMISSION FOR RESENTENCING) BILL 2014 (SERIAL 99) – 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 Elferink (Attorney-General), by leave, the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – MOTION AGREED TO

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business), moved – That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Ministerial Statements being given.

Question – put and passed.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – EDUCATION THE KEY TO A BRIGHT FUTURE - MOTION TO NOTE

Mr Chandler (Minister for Education) made a statement regarding reforms to Education in the Northern Territory.

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

Debate ensued.

Debate suspended.

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

8. NOTICES

The following notice was given:

1. Mr Styles (Minister for Business) will present on the next sitting day a bill entitled – Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 (Serial 117).

9. PETITIONS

Ms Purick (Member for Goyder), presented Petition No. 42 from 738 petitioners, conforming with Standing Orders praying that the Banana Freckle Eradication Program is stopped (Paper 1251).

Petition read.

10. QUESTIONS

- 2.01 Ms Fyles to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- 2.02 Mrs Finocchiaro to Chief Minister
- 2.05 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister (referred to Treasurer)
- 2.09 Mr Kurrupuwu to Chief Minister
- 2.12 Mr Gunner to Minister for Housing (referred to Chief Minister)
- 2.16 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister (supplementary question)
- 2.17 Mr Barrett to Minister for Business
- 2.21 Mr Gunner to Minister for Housing
- 2.25 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Land Resource Management
- 2.29 Mr Wood to Minister for Parks and Wildlife
- 2.32 Mr Conlan to Minister for Sport and Recreation
- 2.36 Mr Gunner to Minister for Housing (referred to the Minister for Health)
- 2.38 Mr Barrett to Minister for Education
- 2.41 Mr Gunner to Minister for Housing
- 2.45 Mrs Finocchiaro to Treasurer
- 2.48 Mr McCarthy to Minister for Local Government and Community Services
- 2.50 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Land Resource Management
- 2.54 Ms Lee to Minister for Children and Families
- 2.57 Mr Barrett to Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
- 3.01 Ms Fyles to Minister for Women's Policy
- 3.04 Mrs Finocchiaro to Treasurer

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

11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – EDUCATION THE KEY TO A BRIGHT FUTURE – 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 Ms Fyles (Member for Nightcliff), Ms Manison (Member for Wanguri) was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question – put and passed.

12. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - SETTING THE AGENDA FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Resumption of debate on the question - That the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

Debate suspended.

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

13. CALL FOR THE CHIEF MINISTER TO RESIGN – MOTION NOT AGREED TO

Mr McCarthy (Member for Barkly) pursuant to notice, moved – That this Assembly call on the Member for Braiiling to resign as Chief Minister.

Debate ensued.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr Barrett (Member for Blain), Mr Westra van Holthe (Member for Katherine) was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Mr Chandler (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services) moved – that the question now be put.

Question – put and passed.

Question - That this Assembly call on the Member for Braiiling to resign as Chief Minister – put

The Assembly divided:

Ayes - 9

Ms Fyles
Mr Gunner
Ms Lawrie
Ms Lee
Mr McCarthy
Ms Manison
Ms Moss
Mr Vowles
Ms Walker
Ms Lee

Noes - 13

Mr Barrett
Mr Chandler
Mr Conlan
Mr Elferink
Mrs Finocchiaro
Mr Giles
Mr Higgins
Mr Kurrupuwu
Mrs Price
Ms Purick
Mr Styles
Mr Tollner
Mr Westra van Holthe

Motion not agreed to.

14. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - SETTING THE AGENDA FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Resumption of debate on the question - That the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Debate ensued.

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

15. PAPERS

The Speaker tabled the following Papers –

1. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Fannie Bay, Mr Michael Gunner, travelled to Alice Springs in relation to my shadow portfolios of Infrastructure, Planning and Housing, 19th - 20th November 2014, pursuant to clause 4.12, dated 24 February 2015 (Paper 1252).

2. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Greatorex, Mr Matt Conlan, travelled with a delegation for the Royal Flying Doctor Service Central Operations to Sydney on 4th - 7th February 2015, pursuant to clause 4.12, dated 24 February 2015 (Paper 1253).

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mr Higgins (Minister for Sport and Recreation) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 9.50 pm until Thursday 26 February 2015 at 10.00 am.

PAPERS

No papers were deemed to have been Tabled on 25 February 2015.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the sittings.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly