

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 14

Wednesday 13 February 2013

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 staff from the Department of Infrastructure undertaking a tour of Parliament House.

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

4. **QUESTIONS FOR MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS ADVANCEMENT:**

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) advised Members of the temporary absence of Ms Anderson and asked that any questions for the Minister for Indigenous Advancement be directed to the Leader of Government Business.

5. **QUESTIONS:**

10.03 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister
10.06 Mr Styles to Chief Minister
10.10 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister

Paper Tabled: Ms Lawrie, by leave, laid upon the Table a booklet, Did you know? Authorised by the Leader of the Opposition (Paper 197).

10.14 Ms Walker to Chief Minister
10.17 Mr Styles to Chief Minister
10.21 Mr Vatskalis to Chief Minister
10.23 Ms Lee to Chief Minister
10.27 Mr Vatskalis to Chief Minister
10.28 Mrs Price to Minister for Children and Families
10.31 Mr Wood to Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
10.35 Mr Higgins to Minister for Education
10.39 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister redirected to Minister for Education

Paper Tabled: Mr Gunner, by leave, laid upon the Table a letter from Kirsty Cochrane, Special Education Teacher, and Maria Albion, Assistant Principal, Leanyer School to Parents/Guardians re funding reductions dated 29 January 2013 (Paper 198).

10.43 Mr Wood to Minister for Transport
10.45 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Transport
10.48 Mr McCarthy to Chief Minister
10.50 Mr Higgins to Minister for Education
10.54 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister
10.57 Ms Lee to Minister for Sport and Recreation

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

6. **REORDER OF ROUTINE OF BUSINESS, 19 FEBRUARY 2013 — MOTION AGREED TO:**

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business), pursuant to Notice, moved — 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)

Debate ensued.

Question — put and passed.

7. BROADCAST OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS — MOTION AGREED TO:

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business), pursuant to Notice, moved — 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.

Debate ensued.

Question — put and passed.

8. CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (ASSAULTS ON WORKERS) BILL 2012 (SERIAL 11):

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.

Debate suspended.

Suspension of sittings: The sitting of the Assembly was suspended between 11.56am and 2pm.

9. LEAVE OF ABSENCE — MEMBER FOR GREATOREX:

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) moved — That leave of absence be granted to Mr Conlan, (Member for Greatorex) for Thursday 14 February 2013 on account of Government business.

Leave granted.

10. NOTICES:

The following notices were given —

1. Mr Elferink: To present Serious Sex Offenders Bill 2013 (Serial 18)

11. PETITIONS:

The following petitions were presented —

Mr Wood, by leave, presented Petition No 10 from 1212 petitioners not conforming with Standing Orders in relation to a proposed workers camp on Stow Road in the Darwin rural area (Paper 200).

Petition read.

Mr Higgins, by leave, presented Petition No 12 from 1083 petitioners not conforming with Standing Orders in relation to commercial crabbing at Bynoe Harbour and Dundee Beach tributaries (Paper 201).

Petition read.

12. CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (ASSAULTS ON WORKERS) BILL 2012 (SERIAL 11):

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.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr Styles, Mr Elferink was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Question — put and passed.

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 passed to be a proposed law.

13. POLICING IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY — MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:

Mr Mills (Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services) made a statement relating to policing in the Northern Territory.

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

Debate ensued.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr Chandler, Mrs Lambley was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

The time having reached 5.30pm, debate was suspended pursuant to Sessional Order (Mr Elferink with 9 minutes remaining).

14. PAPERS:

The Speaker laid upon the Table an Interstate Travel Report by the former Member for Wanguri pursuant to Clause 3.14 of Remuneration Tribunal Determination No 1 of 2011, dated 23 January 2013 (Paper 202).

15. COUNTRY LIBERALS' ELECTION PROMISES – MOTION:

Ms Lawrie (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to Notice, moved — 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.

Debate ensued.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr McCarthy, Ms Lawrie was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr Vowles, Ms Lambley was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Paper Tabled: Mr McCarthy, by leave, laid upon the Table a letter from Tony and Heather Watson, Central Building Group Pty Ltd, addressed to the Country Liberal Party and Labor about Small Business Pressure and Power Increases in the Northern Territory (Paper 203).

Debate continued.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr Gunner, Mr McCarthy was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr Styles, Mr Chandler was granted an extension of time.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned pursuant to Sessional Order.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Mr Westra van Holthe, by leave, laid upon the Table a Power and Water Corporation brochure, Use Less Power (Paper 204).

Debate continued.

Question — put and passed.

And the Assembly adjourned at 10.03pm until Thursday 14 February 2013 at 10am.

PAPERS

The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on 13 February 2013 –

Remuneration Tribunal

Remuneration Tribunal — Report on the Entitlements of Magistrates and Determination No. 1 of 2013 (Paper 199)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the sittings.

Ian McNeill
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly