

# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 30

Wednesday 28 August 2013

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1. **MEETING**

The Assembly met at 10am. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick took the Chair.

2. **PRAYERS**

3. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE - MEMBER FOR SANDERSON - GRANTED**

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) moved - That leave of absence be granted to Mr Styles (Member for Sanderson) for today and tomorrow on account of illness.

Leave of absence granted.

4. **VISITORS**

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the Speakers Gallery of Mr Neville Perkins, a previous Member of the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 9 students from Mackillop Catholic College.

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

5. **QUESTIONS**

10.03 Ms Lawrie to Minister for Education

10.07 Mrs Price to Chief Minister

**Paper Tabled:** Mr Giles (Chief Minister) laid upon the Table – Project Proposal Report to Department of Infrastructure and Transport, Tiger Brennan Drive Duplication – Darwin CBD to Berrimah Road (Nation Building Program 2014/15-2018/19), July 2013 (Same Paper as No. 459 tabled on 22 August 2013) (Paper 478).

10.10 Mr Gunner to Minister for Education

**Paper Tabled:** Mr Gunner (Member for Fannie Bay) laid upon the Table - Estimates Committee 2013, Mr Chandler, Minister for Education, Question on Notice 7.7 (Paper 477).

10.13 Ms Finocchiaro to Minister for Health

10.16 Ms Lawrie to Minister for Education

10.21 Ms Lee to Minister for Tourism

10.25 Ms Lawrie to Minister for Education

10.30 Mr Wood to Minister for Health

10.32 Mr Higgins to Minister for Regional Development

10.36 Ms Walker to Minister for Education

10.39 Ms Fyles to Minister for Education

10.40 Ms Lee to Minister for Health

10.43 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister

10.48 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries

10.51 Mr Wood to Minister for Mines and Energy

10.55 Mr Vatskalis to Minister for Health

10.59 Ms Finocchiaro to Treasurer

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

**6. CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION) BILL 2013 (SERIAL 37)**

Mr Elferink (Attorney General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Criminal Code*.

Bill read a first time.

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

Debate ensued.

**Paper Tabled:** Mr Elferink laid upon the Table the Explanatory Statement (Paper 479).

On the motion of Ms Walker debate was adjourned.

**7. SUCCESSION TO THE CROWN (REQUEST) (NATIONAL UNIFORM LEGISLATION) BILL 2013 (SERIAL 39)**

Mr Giles (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to request the Parliament of the Commonwealth to enact under section 51 (xxxviii) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth an Act to change the law relating to royal succession and royal marriages, and to make consequential amendments to certain Acts.

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 480).

On the motion of Mr Gunner debate was adjourned.

**8. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BILL (SERIAL 38)**

Mr Giles (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for matters relating to emergency management, and for related matters.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Giles moved — That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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**Visitors:** The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 10 students from Casuarina Senior College.

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

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**Paper Tabled:** Mr Giles laid upon the Table the Explanatory Statement (Paper 481).

On the motion of Mr Gunner debate was adjourned.

**9. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - CONTRIBUTION BY TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS TO THE TERRITORY'S ECONOMY - MOTION TO NOTE**

Mr Conlan (Minister for Tourism) made a statement relating to tourism activities and major events that contribute to the Territory's economy.

Debate suspended.

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

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**10. NOTICES**

The following Notices were given:

1. Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) to present a bill entitled – Advance Personal Planning Bill 2013 (Serial 41).
2. Mr Elferink (Attorney General) to present a bill entitled – Misuse of Drugs Amendment (Methamphetamine) Bill 2013 (Serial 42).

**11. PETITIONS**

Mr Higgins (Member for Daly), by leave, presented Petition Number 21 from 536 petitioners not conforming with Standing Orders relating to permits for fishing on the Finniss River (Paper 482).

Petition read.

**RESPONSE TO PETITIONS**

The Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 100A, laid upon the Table the Response to Petition Number 13 (Paper 483).

**12. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - CONTRIBUTION BY TOURISM AND MAJOR EVENTS TO THE TERRITORY'S ECONOMY - MOTION TO NOTE AGREED TO**

Mr Conlan (Minister for Tourism) continued the statement suspended earlier this day.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

Question — put and passed.

**13. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - PILLARS OF JUSTICE, SWIFT JUSTICE - MOTION TO NOTE**

Mr Elferink (Attorney General) made a statement relating to initiatives to be undertaken under the banner of the Swift Justice Pillar.

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

Debate ensued.

Debate suspended.

**14. WORKERS REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT (FIRE-FIGHTERS) BILL 2013 (SERIAL 43)**

Mr Gunner (Member for Fannie Bay), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Gunner moved — That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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**Visitors:** The Speaker (Ms Purick) advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of members of the Northern Territory Fire Service.

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

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**Paper Tabled:** Mr Gunner (Member for Fannie Bay) laid upon the Table – Petition – Amendment to Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act, Fire Fighters of the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service and members of the NT Fire Fighters Union (Paper 485).

Debate continued.

Leave granted to Mr Tollner (Minister for Business) to continue his remarks at a later hour. (35 minutes in continuation).

**15. A YEAR OF CLP GOVERNMENT FAILURES – MOTION NOT AGREED TO**

Ms Lawrie (Member for Karama), pursuant to notice, moved – This Assembly condemns the CLP government for a year of failures.

Debate ensued

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

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

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

Debate continued.

Question put -

The Assembly divided:

**Ayes 7**

Ms Fyles  
Mr Gunner  
Ms Lawrie  
Ms Manison  
Mr Vatskalis  
Mr Vowles  
Ms Walker

**Noes 13**

Ms Anderson  
Mr Chandler  
Mr Conlan  
Mr Elferink  
Ms Finocchiaro  
Mr Giles  
Mr Higgins  
Mr Kurrupuwu  
Mrs Lambley  
Ms Lee  
Mrs Price

Mr Tollner  
Mr Westra van Holthe

Motion negatived.

**16. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – PILLARS OF JUSTICE, SWIFT JUSTICE - MOTION TO NOTE AGREED TO**

Resumption of debate, suspended earlier this day, on the question - That the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Debate resumed.

Question – put and passed.

**17. AUDITOR-GENERAL'S AUGUST 2013 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - MOTION TO NOTE AGREED TO**

The Speaker (Ms Purick), laid upon the Table – Auditor-General for the Northern Territory, August 2013 Report to the Legislative Assembly (Paper 487).

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) moved – That the Assembly note the report.

Leave granted to Mr Elferink to continue his remarks at a later hour.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Elferink (Attorney General) moved — That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued

Question — put and passed.

And the Assembly adjourned at 10.14pm until Thursday 29 August at 10am.

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**PAPERS**

The following papers were deemed to have been Tabled on 28 August 2013 —

**Subordinate Legislation 2013**

No. 32, Corporations Law Amendment Rules 2013 (Paper 486).

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**ATTENDANCE**

All Members attended the sittings, except Mr Styles (on leave).

MICHAEL TATHAM  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly