

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 83

Thursday 26 February 2015

1. MEETING

The Assembly met at 10.00 am. The Speaker, the Honourable Kezia Purick took the Chair.

2. PRAYERS

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – AGREED TO

Mr Gunner (Member for Fannie Bay) moved – That a leave of absence for today be granted to the Ms Fyles (Member for Nightcliff) on account of personal business.

Motion agreed to.

4. 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 the Assembly considering Ministerial Statements at 3.00 pm.

Question – put and passed.

5. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of two Year 4 classes from Larrakeyah Primary School.

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

6. WORKERS REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2015 (SERIAL 117)

Mr Styles (Minister for Employment and Training), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workers Rehabilitation Act* and the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Regulations*, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Styles moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Mr Styles laid upon the Table the Explanatory Statement (Paper 1254).

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

7. BAIL AMENDMENT BILL 2014 (SERIAL 105) – BILL AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Visitor: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Margaret Hickey, former Leader of the Opposition and Member for Barkly.

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

Debate continued.

Question - put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

8. REVIEW OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY YOUTH DETENTION SYSTEM REPORT - TABLED REPORT

Mr Elferink (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) resumed making regarding the Review of the Northern Territory Youth Detention System Report.

Mr Elferink moved – That the paper be printed.

Question – put and passed

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

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 5/6 students from Wanguri Primary School. .

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

Debate continued.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 7 - 9 students from Palmerston Senior College. .

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

Question – put and passed.

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

9. QUESTIONS

2.00 Mr McCarthy to Chief Minister

2.03 Mr Barrett to Chief Minister

Paper Tabled: Mr Giles (Chief Minister) laid upon the Table – Report of the Independent Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory, 28 November 2014 (Paper 1257).

2.06 Mr Vowles to Chief Minister

Paper Tabled: Mr Vowles (Member for Johnston), by leave, laid upon the Table – Request for transactions, payments, invoices, reimbursements and goods and services received in relation to the government credit card(s) issued to the Chief Minister, Hon Adam Giles MLA from the day the cards(s) were issued to 16 December 2014, pursuant to section 18 of the *Information Act* from David Ryan, Executive Director Corporate Services (Paper 1258).

2.10 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Mines and Energy

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Mike Reed, former Deputy Chief Minister and Member for Katherine; Lawrence, Nigel and Patrick Walker, the family of the Member for Nhulunbuy; and former member Ms Maggie Hickey.

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

- 2.13 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister
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- 2.18 Mr Barrett to Chief Minister
- 2.21 Ms Lee to Minister for Housing
- 2.25 Mr Barrett to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- 2.28 Mr Vowles to Chief Minister

Paper Tabled: Mr Vowles (Member for Johnston), by leave, laid upon the Table – Donations to Political Parties, Donor Annual Return 2011/2012, Northern Territory Electoral Commission (Paper 1259).

- 2.30 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Women's Policy
- 2.33 Ms Walker to Chief Minister
- 2.34 Mr Conlan to Minister for Health
- 2.38 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister
- 2.39 Mrs Finocchiaro to Chief Minister
- 2.43 Mr Wood to Minister for Land Resource Management
- 2.47 Mr Conlan to Minister for Housing
- 2.49 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister (referred to Minister for Business)

Papers Tabled: Ms Lawrie (Member for Karama), by leave, laid upon the Table –

1. Alice Springs Technology Park & International Student Knowledge Project Business Plan 2014 (Paper 1260);
2. The Hatzimihail Group Pty Ltd – this extract contains information derived from Australian Securities and Investment Commission's (ASIC) database under section 1274A of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Paper 1261); and
3. EFL Nominees Pty Ltd – this extract contains information derived from Australian Securities and Investment Commission's (ASIC) database under section 1274A of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Paper 1262).

- 2.54 Mrs Finocchiaro to Minister for Infrastructure

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

10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – CYCLONE RESPONSE, RECOVERY AND REDEVELOPMENT – STATEMENT NOTED

Mr Giles (Chief Minister) made a statement regarding Ex-Tropical Cyclone Lam and the recovery efforts that are continuing throughout North East Arnhem Land.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

Question – put and passed.

11. MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE – INCREASE IN POKER MACHINE NUMBERS

The Deputy Speaker (Mr Conlan) advised the Assembly that Mr Wood (Member for Nelson) had proposed a definite Matter of Public Importance – That the Minister for Racing and Gaming explain why the Government lifted the individual venue caps on poker machines from 10 to 20 in hotels and the number in clubs from 45 to 55.

That the Minister for Racing and Gaming explain why the Government didn't announce the changes to poker machine numbers and the increase in the Gaming Machine Levy, in Parliament but instead waited until Parliament had closed down for the year?

That the Minister say who the Government discussed the changes with before these changes were announced, and did the Government do any study of the potential impacts these changes might bring e.g. a social impact study?

Having received the necessary support - discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

12. PAPERS

The following papers were tabled –

1. Ms Purick (Chair of the Committee on Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) made a statement and laid upon the Table - Select Committee on Action to Prevent Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, The Preventable Disability, February 2015 (Paper 1263).

Ms Purick moved – That the report be printed.

Question – put and passed.

Ms Purick moved – That the Assembly take note of the report.

Leave was granted for Ms Purick to continue her remarks at a later time.

2. Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) made a statement and laid upon the Table - Cabinet Handbook, February 2015, Department of Chief Minister (Paper 1264).

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

Question – put and passed.

3. The Deputy Speaker tabled the following Papers –

1. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Nhulunbuy, Ms Lynne Walker to attend meetings and tour and briefing at the RDH from 16th - 19th December 2014, pursuant to clause 4.12, dated 23 January 2015 (Paper 1265); and

2. Remuneration Tribunal Determination, Travel Report, Member for Fannie Bay, Mr Michael Gunner, travelled to Canberra, meeting with Federal Colleagues to discuss issues relevant to the Northern Territory, from 2nd- 4th December 2014, pursuant to clause 4.12, dated 24 February 2015 (Paper 1266). .

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Paper Tabled: Mr Barrett (Member for Blain), by leave, laid upon the Table – Petition, IGA liquor licence for their new development in Rosebery NT. To Director-General, Nathan Barrett MLA, Mike Harvey and Northern Territory Licensing Commission (Paper 1267).

The Assembly adjourned at 6.13pm until Tuesday 24 March 2015 at 10.00am.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been Tabled on 26 February 2015 –

Annual Reports 2013/2014:

Cobourg Peninsula Sanctuary and Marine Park Board, 2013/2014 (Paper 1255)

NT Build Triennial Actuarial Review:

Actuarial Review of administration, benefits and levy rate of the NT Build Construction Industry
Long Service Leave Scheme as at June 2014, January 2015 (Paper 1256)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the sittings, except Ms Fyles on leave.

MICHAEL TATHAM
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly