

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 47

Tuesday 18 February 2014

1. MEETING

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

2. REORDER OF BUSINESS – MOTION AGREED TO

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) moved – That on Wednesday, 19 February 2014:

The Assembly meets at 2.00pm, and

That the routine of Business be as follows:

- (1) Questions;
- (2) Notices;
- (3) Petitions;
- (4) Government Business – Notices and Orders of the Day;
- (5) Ministerial Statements;
- (6) Papers; and
- (7) General Business – Notices and Orders of the Day from 5.30 pm to 9.00pm.

3. QUESTIONS

- 10.02 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister
10.07 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister (Supplementary Question)
10.08 Ms Finocchiaro to Minister for Education
10.11 Mr Vowles to Chief Minister
10.12 Mr Higgins to Chief Minister
10.15 Mr Vowles to Chief Minister
10.19 Ms Walker to Chief Minister
10.22 Ms Finocchiaro to Chief Minister
10.25 Mr Wood to Minister for Employment and Training
10.26 Ms Anderson to Treasurer
10.29 Mr McCarthy to Chief Minister
10.33 Ms Lee to Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries
10.37 Ms Fyles to Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment
10.41 Mr Kurrupuwu to Minister for Public Employment

Paper Tabled: Mr Elferink (Minister for Public Employment) laid upon the Table - Territory Public Sector Staffing, September & December quarters 2011, March to September quarters 2012 Measured as Full time Equivalent (Paper 732).

- 10.45 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister (referred to Minister for Public Employment)
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Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 4/5 class from Wulagi Primary School.

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

- 10.48 Mr Wood to Minister for Land Resource Management
10.52 Ms Anderson to Chief Minister

- 10.56 Ms Manison to Minister for Health
10.58 Mr Vatskalis to Minister for Economic Development and Major Projects

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

4. CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (EXPERT PSYCHIATRIC OR MEDICAL EVIDENCE) BILL 2013 (SERIAL 49) – 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 and Minister for Justice) by leave, the Bill was read a third time and was passed to be a proposed law.

5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – DEVELOPING NORTHERN AUSTRALIA – MOTION TO NOTE

Mr Giles (Chief Minister) made a statement regarding the framework to make the Territory Australia's key in the development of Northern Territory.

Mr Giles 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.

6. NOTICES

The following notices were given:

1. Mr Elferink (Attorney-General) to present a bill entitled – Criminal Code Amendment (Identity Crime) Bill 2014 (Serial 68)
2. Mrs Lambley (Minister for Health) to present a bill entitled – Medicines, Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Amendment Bill 2014 (Serial 66)
3. Mrs Lambley (Minister for Health) to present a bill entitled – Health Practitioner Regulation (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment Bill 2014 (Serial 67)

7. TABLED PAPER – REVOCATION OF DIRECTION

Mr Westra van Holthe (Minister for Essential Services) made a Statement and laid upon the Table - *Government Owned Corporations Act*, Revocation of Direction, pursuant section 30 of the *Government Owned Corporations Act* and pursuant to section 43 of the *Interpretation Act*, dated 1 May 2013 (Paper 735).

8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – DEVELOPING NORTHERN AUSTRALIA – MOTION TO NOTE

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

Debate resumed.

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

Debate resumed.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Ms Finocchiaro (Member for Drysdale), Mr Tollner (Member for Fong Lim) was granted an extension of time.

Debate resumed.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr Gunner (Member for Fannie Bay), Mr McCarthy was granted an extension of time.

Debate resumed.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Ms Finocchiaro, Mr Styles (Member for Sanderson) was granted an extension of time.

Debate resumed.

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

Debate resumed.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr McCarthy, Mr Wood (Member for Nelson) was granted an extension of time.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Mr Chandler (Member for Brennan), Mr Elferink (Member for Port Darwin) was granted an extension of time.

Debate resumed.

Quorum: Mr McCarthy drew the attention of the Speaker to the state of the Assembly. The Bells were rung and a Quorum was obtained.

Debate resumed.

Mr Giles (Chief Minister) was granted leave to continue his comments later.

9. REORDER OF BUSINESS – MOTION AGREED TO

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) moved – That Government Business, Order of the Day No 6, be called on now.

Question – put and passed.

10. TABLED PAPER – TREASURER'S MID-YEAR REPORT 2013/2014 - MOTION TO NOTE AGREED TO

Resumption of debate on the motion - That the Assembly take note of the Report.

Debate resumed.

Question – put and passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

And the Assembly adjourned at 7.38 pm until Wednesday 19 February 2014 at 2.00 pm.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been Tabled on 18 February 2014 -

Annual Reports:

Jabiru Town Development Authority, 2012/2013 (Paper 733)

Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission, 2012/2013 (Paper 734)

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended the sittings.

MICHAEL TATHAM

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly