

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 31

Thursday 29 August 2013

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 Speaker's Gallery of Mr Neville Perkins, a former Member of the Legislative Assembly.

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 3/4/5 students from Holy Family Catholic School.

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

4. SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

The Speaker (Ms Purick in the Chair) made a statement regarding the application of Standing Order 113 during Question time.

5. QUESTIONS

10.03 Ms Lawrie to Chief Minister

10.07 Ms Finocchiaro to Minister for Housing

10.10 Mr Vatskalis to Chief Minister

10.13 Mrs Price to Minister for Tourism and Major Events

10.17 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister

Paper Tabled: Mr Giles (Chief Minister) laid upon the Table – Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee, Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Fair Protection for Firefighters) Bill 2011 [Provisions], September 2011 (Paper 488).

10.19 Mr McCarthy to Chief Minister

10.23 Ms Finocchiaro to Minister for Land Resource Management

10.26 Mr Wood to Attorney-General

10.29 Mr Gunner to Chief Minister

10.34 Mr Kurrupuwu to Treasurer

10.38 Ms Walker to Chief Minister

10.39 Ms Fyles to Chief Minister (referred to Minister for Children and Families)

10.43 Ms Lee to Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries

10.47 Ms Manison to Minister for Public Employment

10.51 Mr Wood to Minister for Land Resource Management

10.54 Mr Higgins to Minister for Tourism and Major Events

10.58 Mr Vowles to Chief Minister

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

6. 2012/2013 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE – REPORT NOTED

Ms Finocchiaro (Member for Drysdale) made a statement relating to the 2012/2013 Annual Report of the Public Accounts Committee.

Paper Tabled: Ms Finocchiaro laid upon the Table – Annual Report 2012/2013, Public Accounts Committee and Tabling Statement (Paper 489).

Ms Finocchiaro moved – That the report be printed.

Question – put and passed.

Ms Finocchiaro moved – That the report be noted.

Question – put and passed.

7. VISITORS

The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the gallery of Year 10 Casuarina Secondary College students.

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

8. ADVANCE PERSONAL PLANNING BILL 2013 (SERIAL 41)

Mr Elferink (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to enable people to make plans about how decisions are to be made for them if they lose decision-making capacity, and for related purposes.

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 490).

On the motion of Ms Walker (Member for Nhulunbuy) debate was adjourned.

9. MISUSE OF DRUGS AMENDMENT (METHAMPHETAMINE) BILL 2013 (SERIAL 42)

Mr Elferink (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Misuse of Drugs Act*.

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 491).

On the motion of Ms Walker (Member for Nhulunbuy) debate was adjourned.

10. ADDRESS TO THE ROYAL FAMILY – MOTION AGREED TO

Mr Elferink (Leader of Government Business) moved – That, Pursuant to Standing Order 301, the Assembly resolves to:

- express its congratulations to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of their son, Prince George of Cambridge, and

- send a message of congratulations to Her Majesty the Queen, through Her Honour the Administrator.

Debate ensued.

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

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

Debate continued.

Question - put and passed.

11. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – THE PATIENT ASSISTANCE TRAVEL SCHEME - MOTION TO NOTE

Mrs Lambley (Minister for Health) made a statement relating to changes to the Patient Assistance Travel Scheme.

Mrs Lambley moved - That the Assembly take note of the Statement.

Debate suspended.

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

12. NOTICES

Mr Wood (Member for Nelson) to move on the next General Business Day – That the NT government consider changes to the NT Planning Act or NT Planning Scheme to require that, where residential land including rural residential land that is affected by seepage, flooding or tidal surge, a line - even if approximate - should be shown on the registered title map for that land.

13. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT – THE PATIENT ASSISTANCE TRAVEL SCHEME - 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.

14. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - TWELVE MONTHS IN GOVERNMENT AND FRAMING THE FUTURE - MOTION TO NOTE

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

Debate resumed.

Extension of Time: On the motion of Ms Finocchiaro, Mr Chandler was granted an extension of Time.

Debate continued.

On the motion of Mr Tollner (Member for Fong Lim) debate was adjourned.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs Lambley (Minister for Health) moved — That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Visitors: The Speaker advised Honourable Members of the presence in the Speaker's Gallery of Mr Ian and Mrs Kit McNeill, Mr Scott McNeill, Mr Ray and Mrs Kerry Bloom and Ms Janet Sporn.

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

Debate ensued.

Paper Tabled: Ms Manison laid upon the Table – McNeill Retirement, Auditor-General's Report, Lumpy Presentation, Minutes & CD (Paper 495).

And the Assembly adjourned at 4.56pm until Tuesday 8 October 2013 at 10am.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been Tabled on 29 August 2013 —

Annual Report 2011/2012:

Department of Business, Report to the Minister responsible for Wagering, Gaming and Licensing, 2011/2012 (Paper 492).

Coroners Act:

In the matter of the Coroner's Findings and recommendations concerning the deaths of Aaliyaha Jane Webb, Julian Thomas Chisholm and Michael Shane Chisholm, pursuant to section 46B, dated 25 August 2013 (Paper 494).

Subordinate Legislation 2013:

No. 33, Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Amendment Regulations 2013 (Paper 493).

ATTENDANCE

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

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly